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Dental Health



Photos by Dan Sanderson
Michelle Andrews, a dental hygienist for Dr. Barry Fenn, gave dental health lessons to students at the AuSable Primary School last month during dental health month. Above left, Andrews uses a stuffed animal during her dental health demonstration. Above right, Abby Pippin and Gabriel Ervin, students in Joann Brown's kindergarten class, try on latex dental examination gloves, which Andrews gave out during her demonstrations. The students also received their own dental health kits, which included new tooth brushes.

County board to vote on tax cut program

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County officials will weigh the option to move forward with a tax savings program aimed at boosting development later this month.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, at its regular meeting last week, agreed to deliberate on the option to implement a program called Transforming Underdeveloped Residential and Business Opportunities (TURBO) at its March 21 meeting.

The TURBO program, which was started by Wayne County, is designed to help redevelop residential, commercial and business properties.

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, an organization comprised of county, township and business officials, passed a resolution of support encouraging the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to investigate and implement the program after meeting with Larry Campbell, a Madison Heights based developer, in November.

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GHS teacher's band earns top album award

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A band fronted by a Grayling High School language arts teacher is continuing to gather acclaim in the Michigan music scene.

Ben Stancil, a Grayling High School language arts teacher, and his band, "The Lonely Jones," brought home the best local album of the year award from the Jammie Awards ceremony held last month in West Michigan. The contest is sponsored by WYCE-FM (88.1), a Grand Rapids based pubic radio station, and features rock, folk, blues, jazz and world music acts that the station plays.

Receiving the award was an affirmation for Stancil and "The Lonely Jones" band, which changed its name from Potato Moon just over a year ago.

Over 180 locally produced albums were up for the best album award.

"It's hard to do, so we're pretty proud of that," Stancil said.

Stancil started playing the guitar and singing as a youngster.

Stancil's musical collabora-

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Ben Stancil, a language arts teacher at Grayling High School, performs with "The Lonely Jones" band, which is based out of West Michigan. Above, Stancil is pictured in the foreground with the band.

Voters asked to restore special education funding

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County residents will be asked to approve a proposal to restore funding for special education students on the May 8 school election ballot.

The Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School (COOR ISD) District Board has placed a Headlee restoration proposal on the Tuesday, May 8 ballot.

The COOR ISD, under its charter, collects a tax to cover costs for special education.

The Headlee Amendment, however, requires the district to adjust the amount of taxes it collects annually to accommodate for the rate of inflation. Districts can place a Headlee Rollback, which is also referred as Headlee override, on the election ballot to recover the funding.

Voters for the ISD will be asked to restore .1171 mills for special education, allowing the COOR ISD to levy the maximum rate of .75 mills. The rollback, which is for five years, would generate an additional \$368,860 in its first year if approved by voters.

"The money that generated is will go back to the each of the

local six school districts to cover their costs for special education or to educate the severely handicapped students that we educate here," said George Johnson, the director of state and federal programs and business manager for the COOR ISD.

The Crawford AuSable School District would receive \$79,685 if the rollback was approved. The district has 18 severely handicapped students who attend the center programs operated by the COOR ISD in Roscommon. An additional 33 students are serviced by a COOR ISD social worker at the schools in the district.

Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers said the funding is critical since districts are mandated to provide services to the special education students.

"The COOR ISD serves the students and schools in the four-county area, and in these extremely difficult financial times, this millage would benefit every student in the four-county region," Powers said. "Special education funding doesn't come close to covering the cost for

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Shelter shot clinic



Over 100 pet owners took advantage of the low-cost shot clinic organized by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, which was held in downtown Grayling on Saturday. Shelter volunteers sold 89 dog licenses, which were made available before the license fees increase this month, at the clinic. Dr. Donna Simons and her staff from the Simons Veterinary Clinic based in Elmira donates spaying, neutering and veterinary care services for shelter's cats in conjunction with the low-shot clinics. Above, Simons and assistant Larry Swan give shots and vaccinations to "Black Bart," a Maltese Dachshund, as the dog's owner Sue Romain and her grandchildren Gage Romain, 4, and Genisus Romain, 5, look on. Right, Tom Brooks, a volunteer at the clinic, holds Walter, a Tibetan Terrier owned by Pastor Patricia Petrie from the Burning Bush Tabernacle, while Petrie took care of her shot clinic paperwork.



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Campbell is currently working with Wayne County through the TURBO program for a bank he is building in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Campbell has recommended Crawford County implement the same economic development tool for a planned Walgreens drug store he hopes to build at the intersection of M-72 East and the I-75 Business Loop.

Campbell, who has built 60 stores which are leased to Walgreens in the Midwest, said he believes he can entice the Deerfield, Ill. based corporation to come to Grayling if he can get a brake on property taxes.

Campbell is purchasing the property from Jim Vanderlaan, a developer from Lake City who owns several commercial and residential properties in Grayling.

Vanderlaan recently purchased the Super 7 Motel, which he will soon demolish to relocate ten-

ants located at the corner of M-72 East and the I-75 Business Loop.

Vanderlaan encouraged county officials to give the TURBO program serious consideration.

"It can have a domino effect, and if this can be the first domino to fall for Grayling, I think it would be just outstanding," Vanderlaan said.

The TURBO program gives developers a 100 percent tax brake for one-year on property taxes while the business is under construction. The deed for the property is transferred into a land bank overseen by the governmental entity to take advantage of the tax-exempt status. The program then calls for up to a 50 percent tax brake for the five following years, after the property is transferred back to the property owner.

After several weeks of studying feasibility of the program, County Commissioner Rick Anderson said he believes it is

time to make a decision on the economic development initiative.

"Some people want us to either move forward or drop it," said Anderson, adding that the program may encourage the redevelopment of blighted and contaminated properties. "The land bank is here, and it's going to be a prevalent part in doing business, especially in northern Michigan."

Commissioner Scott Hanson stressed that proceeding with plans for the land bank would not automatically give the green light for a tax break for a Walgreens store. Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley and other county officials would be appointed to the new county panel that would oversee the land bank.

"The establishment of a land bank does not mean that the land bank would do what Walgreens is attempting to do," Hanson said. "There are no guarantees."

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tions with sisters, Jane and Laura, and father, Phil, were honed and eventually taken to the stage. The family members are all part of Potato Moon, a folk bluegrass outfit, which continues to perform. Potato Moon released three albums and built name recognition across the state over the last several years.

The family decided to turn things up a notch and added Mike Sullivan, a lead guitarist, and Jimmy Schultz, a drummer. That prompted the name to change to "The Lonely Jones" and each member of the band has their own Jones stage moniker.

"When we added the two members, it changed the sound of the

band, so we decided to change it up a little bit," Stancil said.

The Lonely Jones first album was recorded in the Stancil family cabin located on the AuSable River.

Stancil, whose wife Jasmine is serving an internship as an ultrasound technician at Munson Hospital, is relegated to playing weekends and summers with the band.

"It's challenging because it eats up the entire weekend," he said. "Before, you just went from one show to the other."

Last summer, the band performed over three dozen shows, including several outdoor festivals.

Stancil, who has performed in

the classroom, said some of his students have seen him on stage with the band.

"I think they like it, but to them, it's still the same old silly teacher up there playing guitar, which is fine," he said.

Potato Moon has a song called "Out With the Band" included in the movie "Frozen Stupid, which was filmed in Houghton Lake.

Stancil said "The Lonely Jones" has been encouraged to play shows out West and down South.

"I enjoy seeing where this is going to take me," Stancil said.

The Lonely Jones band will be performing at the Nor'easter Music Festival in Mio on June 9 and 10.

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Officials plan to light up Graying for Christmas

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling business and governmental officials are already planning on sprucing up the community for the next Christmas holiday.

The City of Grayling's Downtown Development Authority has formed a Christmas decorations planning committee.

Ann Stephenson, the owner of Riverland, said the committee was formed since business owners and citizens were not satisfied with how Grayling was decorated for the last Christmas season.

Information regarding the lease of Christmas decorations was lost in the shuffle during the transition while Grayling's new City Manager David Thayer was coming on board. As a result, Grayling could only get decorations from the lease rental firm that were not previously committed to other communities.

"It's so much easier to start earlier, and get everything organized, rather than doing everything at the last minute," Stephenson said.

The city has pledged \$5,000 for Christmas decorations for the upcoming holiday season. The plan is to decorate each light pole with a lighted decoration that will look like a poinsettia.

The decorations will be placed in the downtown business district, and from M-72 East to M-72 West, Stephenson said.

In addition, Santa and reindeer will be placed on top of the Michigan State Police Crime Lab, ice skating figures will be in the Grayling City Park along with a Santa that will be fishing over the river.

"He'll look like he's fishing for a trout from the river," Stephenson said.

Thayer said the DDA is leaning toward leasing decorations from Kenmark, Inc., a Buckley based firm. The company would

design and build the decorations on the condition that the city enters into a three-year lease for the holiday fixtures. The company will put up and maintain the fixtures through the holiday season.

As a representative from the committee, Stephenson asked the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to decorate the county grounds.

Stephenson suggested having a decorated tree at the county building, and perhaps having a waving santa on top of the county building.

"It would be kind of neat, along with the poinsettias, to look down at street and see a waving Santa at the county building," she said.

The county pledged to spend \$5,000 on decorating the county buildings and grounds.

County Commissioner Scott Hanson said the county should consider purchasing its own decorations, which could be placed on the building, trees and shrubs by county maintenance employee Butch McLeod and jail trustees.

"We should decorate this facility and the county grounds as best as we can," Hanson said.

The county's audit committee will determine where the funds for the decorations will come from since the expenditures will be included in the county's next budget cycle, which starts on Oct. 1, said Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo.

Business owners will be asked to lease the poinsettia fixtures that will be located near their businesses and other donations will be collected to help fund the decorations.

"We would like everything up and ready to go in time for the Christmas Walk," said Stephenson, referring to the event which will be held on Nov. 17 in downtown Grayling to kick off the holiday season and give people a jump start on their holiday shopping.

AuSable Ridge housing development approved

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County planners recently approved a large housing development, which will be located in South Branch Township, that will be marketed for use as vacation homes and homes for retirees.

The Crawford County Planning Commission approved plans for AuSable Ridge, a planned unit development, which will be located off of Willows Road near M-18. The development, which is situated on just over 91 acres, will include sites for 90 homes on lots ranging from a 1/2 acre and larger. The property will also include a nature preserve of 22 acres in the middle of the development to provide greenspace and habitat for wildlife.

The subdivision is being developed by Two Lakes Building Corp., a Southfield based construction firm which also has offices in Higgins Lake.

"We are going to market the property to people who want to get up there and enjoy Crawford County and enjoy northern

Michigan," said Paul Lang, the vice president for Two Lakes Building Corp.

County planners approved the project contingent on having adequate access to the development for firefighting vehicles and buffer between the development and other properties.

Two Lakes Building Corp. is putting a 25 foot buffer surrounding the entire property. Area firefighters said they could easily get equipment to the development since it is located near the South Branch Township Fire Station, said Joe Duran, the Crawford County Building and Zoning director.

Two Lakes Building Corp. has done a similar housing development located off of Leline Road in South Branch Township, as well as the Clearwater development in Beaver Creek Township.

The firm plans to market the home sites over the next five years.

"It's such a nice development, that I can see where it will turn into an area where people will choose to live full-time," Duran said.

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educating our special education students, so that additional cost is taken from the general funds of every local district. The

increased special education funding is needed to meet the needs of the special education students, but in turn, it helps all of our students."

County grant approved for school recycling program

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

In the spirit of Grayling High School's green and white school colors, the school students and staff will be getting a lot greener thanks to a county environmental program.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, last week, approved a \$2,000 grant that will be used to start a recycling program at the Grayling High School.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright approached Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers about starting the program.

Now that the county environmental grant has been approved, school and township officials will be finalizing the details of the program.

Wright said he would like to see the high school students oversee the collection of paper, cardboard and styrofoam from the school and containers used in the school kitchen.

The students would then take the items to the Grayling Recycling Center, located on North Down River Road, and may also volunteer at the center to earn their community service credits.

The students involved in the program may also visit the recycling processing center operated by Waste Management in Saginaw, where the recycled products collected in Crawford County are sorted and shipped in order to be made into new products.

"We want to get them started now so they have their level of awareness raised about the benefits of recycling, and hopefully, they will become lifelong recyclers," Wright said.

Powers said school officials are eager to get the students and staff involved in formalizing the school district's recycling efforts.

"We look forward to working with Grayling Township and

Crawford County to promote recycling," Powers said. "We hope to institute further recycling efforts at our schools for the betterment of the environment."

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners initiated its environmental grant program in 2003 in order to leverage county environmental grant funds with matching funds from the City of Grayling and the six townships in the county to address area environmental issues.

The Crawford County board settled a lawsuit in 1996 with City Environmental Services, the previous owner of the Waters landfill. The county challenged the company when it tried to bring trash to Crawford County from other counties in the state not included in the county's solid waste plan. The settlement pays for county environmental monitor's Bruce Patrick's position as well as for county recycling.

The county board also awarded a \$4,000 grant to Grayling Township to fund the annual scrap tire clean up, which is held each June, and is coordinated by area officials.

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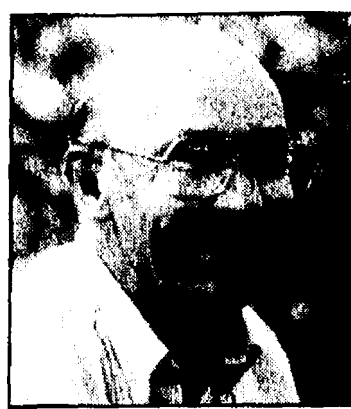
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Michigan Democrats flexing political muscles

IT'S A GREAT year to be a Michigan Democrat.

A few months ago, Michigan Democrats reelected a governor and a US senator, won a majority in the Michigan House of Representatives, came a few seats shy of winning the state senate, swept all eight statewide education posts up for election, made significant gains in local elections, and scared the heck out of a couple of usually Republican-safe congressional districts.

When Democratic faithful met in the state convention recently, they talked strategy to do even better in next year's election.

Primary focus will be on carrying Michigan for the Democratic candidate for president, whoever she or he may be. To party faithful in Michigan, it doesn't matter who the Democratic candidate will be. Any Democrat will do.

"If we lose Michigan, we cannot win the White House," warned Mark Brewer, reelected last week to continue as state Democratic chair.

Winning Michigan does not guarantee a Democrat will win the White House, of course. President George W. Bush went to the presidency last time out while Sen.

John Kerry carried Michigan by 160,000 votes.

It might work the other way around, however, as Mr. Brewer suggests. Without Michigan, a Democratic candidate has little chance to become president.

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ANOTHER EMPHASIS coming out of the convention will be to win two more congressional seats. Democrats covet the Ninth District in Oakland County, held by veteran incumbent Joe Knollenberg, and the Fifth District in seven counties in rural southern Michigan, won by freshman Tim Walberg, after a bitter primary victory over one-term Joe Schwarz.

"Democrats in those two districts (in 2006) demonstrated, without any national help, that those two districts are winnable," Mr. Brewer said.

His Republican counterpart, GOP Chair Saul Anuzis, dismisses Democrats' optimism.

"Because we had such a large anti-Republican tsunami nationally," Mr. Anuzis claims, "some races were closer than they otherwise would be."

It's time for the "great mentioner" to

start tossing out names for both campaigns.

In Oakland county, Democratic possibilities include Gary Peters, state lottery commissioner and former state senator and one-time candidate for governor; David Woodward, Oakland county commissioner; and Andy Levin, son of US Rep. Sander Levin, nephew of US Sen. Carl Levin (who has announced he will run again in 2008), and close loser in a race for state senator last year plus, of course, any of the Democratic county commissioners, city officials, state representatives or senators, past or present, from Oakland county.

In the Fifth District, the picture this far ahead is even foggy. One likely candidate will be Sharon Renier, an organic farmer, who has run at least twice, plus any county or local official and present or past Democratic candidates or office holders from Eaton, Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee and most of Washtenaw counties.

Not at stake next year are the governor's office and the state senate, but Democrats will mobilize to maintain and increase their narrow state house majority won last year.

A vital legislative struggle will be the 2010 election when both house and senate are up. The 2011-12 legislature will draw legislative and congressional district lines in accord with the 2010 census, and thus have great influence over which party will control the legislature and Michigan's congressional delegation for the next 10 years.

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LONG LIFE - With reelection at this year's convention, Mark Brewer set another longevity record for service as state Democratic party chair.

He's already the longest serving state Democratic chair in the country.

With his new term, he will surpass the tenure of the late Neil Staebler of Ann Arbor, who was Michigan Democratic chair 1949-60, all through the gubernatorial career of G. Mennen Williams and who guided Gov. Williams' six elections.

Mr. Brewer first won the job in 1995, serving until early 2003 when newly-elected Gov. Jennifer Granholm preferred Detroit lawyer Melvin "Butch" Hollowell - a close friend, campaign adviser, and candidate for secretary of state on the Granholm ticket - as state party chair. That didn't go well with

some party powers, so Mr. Hollowell became party chair and Mr. Brewer became the party's executive chair, sharing leadership duties between the two. That awkward system lasted two years, then Mr. Brewer was back in complete control - this time with a Granholm blessing - and so it has been.

Mark Brewer deserves high marks for survival in the political jungle, especially with no governor of his party for so long. He has helped bring the Michigan Democratic party to the challenging position it now holds.

Certainly the "anti-Republican tsunami" of which GOP Chair Anuzis speaks had some effect on Michigan voters last year, but the surge of Democratic votes was powerful.

Depending on what happens in war and economy during the next year or so - and of course, the presidential campaign and who the nominees are - another voter tsunami could surface in 2008. It's a good bet Mark Brewer will have his party ready.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

History of Crawford County should be important to all

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in regards to the Crawford County Historical Society. Last year we had two elections trying to raise money for the museum of Crawford County. And to my disappointment the elections went down, the biggest half did not want to support the museum.

I just got my monthly letter from the Crawford County Historical Society, and they were saying they would like to put a new roof on the museum, and the building needs a lot of repair, painting and things of that nature. They also need a lot of volunteers to do things on the building.

Here is my suggestion. I

would like to see everybody that did vote for the museum to donate their \$20 to the museum for the next couple of years, and I think we could get a lot done if everybody would chip in and help out.

Maybe we can show the other half how important the history of Crawford County is to all. Volunteers put in their time to the museum for the good of Crawford County and it is important to all of us.

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Lloyd Crawford
Grayling

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VIEWPOINT

by Dave Gutierrez, American Red Cross

Proclamation of American Red Cross Month

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items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

Scholastic Book Fair to be held

The AuSable Primary School Media Center, will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair, March 6 - 9. The hours are March 6, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., March 7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. (during conferences) and March 9, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Proceeds will be shared between the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School libraries.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Court House.

COA to take mystery trip

On March 6, the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., will be taking a mystery trip. Where will we go? You'll only know if you come and join. The cost for the trip is \$10. The bus will be leaving the center at 10:30 a.m. For questions, transportation or reservations, call Louise Mize at 348-7123.

Wellington to sponsor Antique Roadshow

The Antique Roadshow will be held at the Grayling Holiday Inn, on Saturday, March 3, at 4 p.m. The \$30 ticket will include dinner for one, silent auction, one free antique appraisal by Glen Rairigh, and drawing for chances to win a family pass to Wellington Farm Park. No jewelry, coins or stamps. Call 1-800-OLD-FARM for tickets.

VFW service officer to meet with veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on Friday, March 2, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., to interview claimants about VA benefits. Call 989-731-7575 for an appointment.

Church to hold World Day of Prayer

The Community Church of Christ, North Down River Rd. and Glenn Rd., Grayling, will be hosting the World Day of Prayer of March 2, at 1 p.m. All are invited.

Blood drives to be held

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, March 6, at the Frederic Elementary School, from 12 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. and the Grayling High School Student Senate will sponsor one at Grayling High School, on Wednesday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.. To donate blood you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and provide identification.

State Retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, March 6, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Local scholarships available

Grayling High School seniors, who plan to attend college in the fall of 2007 can get scholarship applications in the high school counseling office. Many local individuals, organizations and businesses have generously contributed to college scholarships for seniors. The deadline for most scholarships is March 23. The winners will be announced at Seniors Honors Night on May 17.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. Anyone interested in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School are encouraged to attend.

Grayling Little League to host registration night

Grayling Little League will conduct its annual Player Registration Night on Tuesday, March 6, from 6-8 p.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Registration is open to players ages 7 (by May 1st) and up for baseball and softball.

The player registration fee of \$35 (family max of \$90) is due at the time of registration as well as a \$20 per player (family max of \$40) fund raising fee. For the fund raising fee, each player will receive two Homerun Cards that can be sold for \$10 each to offset this fee. The homerun cards are used for discounts on purchases and services at local businesses.

Players attending Registration Night will be eligible to win door prizes (limit one prize per family).

Registration continues at Sylvester's until April 20. After that date, a late fee of \$5 per player will apply. For further information contact Player Agent Dusty Latusek at 348-6488.

Grayling Little League soft-

ball division will also be registering players at Registration Night on March 6. Softball offers divisions for girls ages 7-14 (by Jan. 1). The softball program has gained momentum in the last few years and more and more girls are playing the sport.

"We are working hard to get more girls to come out for softball. We want more girls to choose softball right from the beginning since that is the sport they can play for the rest of their lives. Softball is a competitive sport offered in high schools, colleges, and communities all over the country. Softball is similar to baseball but the field, the rules, the equipment and the body mechanics are different and it is important that players learn the fundamentals of softball from an early age. While Grayling Little League allows girls to play in all baseball divisions, they will be encouraged to play softball where they can develop and excel in a sport that they can play the rest of their lives," league officials said.

4H passes T-ball torch to Grayling Little League

Last year, Grayling Little League teamed up with Crawford County 4H to bring a T-ball division to Little League for the first time in league history.

"The partnership worked out well with about 50 youth playing T-ball at McNamara Field. For many years, 4H provided T-ball, while Little League focused on baseball and softball. But when the two organizations joined forces last year, the combined program offered the structure of 4H with a better playing experience because it brought the program to the baseball diamond," Grayling Little League officials said.

According to Nancy Persing of Crawford County 4H, Grayling Little League moving forward with the T-ball program is truly in the best interest of the children. It was difficult to maintain registration rules for both 4H and Little League. Because 4H contributed so significantly to the foundation of the program, the organization feels confident passing the program to Little League.

"Most coaches that will volunteer for T-ball have been part of

the 4H program and understand the concepts and goals that 4H maintained. 4H is confident that those high standards will be preserved through Little League and the board and volunteers will respect and continue the non-competitive nature of T-ball. 4H also recognizes that Little League follows strict screening rules for all volunteers so safety standards will continue to be met. While the joint venture seemed like a great idea it really created a lot of additional workload for both organizations because of separate registration requirements and organizational differences. 4H staff will remain available as a resource to Little League but will now be able to direct their efforts toward other meaningful opportunities for the community's youth," Grayling Little League officials said.

Grayling Little League will host a registration night on Tuesday, March 6, at the Holiday Inn from 6-8 p.m. T-ball is open to all children ages 5-7 (by May 1). Registration fee for T-ball is \$10 per player or free if at least 3 family members are enrolled in other Grayling Little League divisions (baseball and softball).

Whitetails Unlimited fund raising banquet scheduled

Whitetails Unlimited is sponsoring the Roscommon Area Whitetails Unlimited Fund Raising Banquet on Saturday, March 17, at the Knights of Columbus, 165 W. Federal Highway, Roscommon. This special event will feature a dinner, auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, and WTU collectibles. Proceeds from this fund raising banquet will go toward local projects that uphold WTU's mission.

The social hour begins at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 adults, or \$25 for juniors 15 and under. There is a March 10 deadline for tickets, and tickets will not be sold at the door.

To order tickets call Luke and Paula Helsel at 989-275-7850, or WTU National Headquarters at 800-274-5471, or go online at www.whitetailsunlimited.com.

Whitetails Unlimited, Inc. is a

January blood drives

The American Red Cross Blood Drive held on Jan. 3, at the Grayling American Legion, sponsored by M.A.T.E.S. had 56 donors. Gallon pins were awarded to: Gary Psenicka received a one gallon pin; Julie Lamie a six gallon pin; Mary Brown, an eight gallon pin; and Larry Domcik, a 15 gallon pin.

A special O blood type blood drive was held at St. Mary's Family Center on Jan. 8. There were 35 donors. A one gallon pin was awarded to Dianne Branch. There were two first time donors, Kyle Seewald and Connie Winans.

The next blood drive will be held on Tuesday, March 6, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the Frederic Elementary School.


Another blood drive will be held at Grayling High School, on Wednesday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

At all drives, donors are requested to bring a photo ID or their Red Cross donor card.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 25 of \$25 each: Patti Harvey, Michele Moshier, and Chuck Golinick.



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The Bible Speaks

God's Eternal Love

In Romans 5:5 we saw the Holy Spirit giving us assurance of salvation by overflowing our hearts with God's love, "...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Last week, we saw how Jesus Christ accomplished this work of our salvation 2000 years ago by His loving sacrifice for us on the cross of Calvary. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." (Rom. 5:6). Today we shall study the everlasting love of God the Father for us from eternity past as He chose us contrary to all human reasoning.

Romans 5:7 reminds us of how strong self-preservation is among most human beings. "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die." Even the highest form of human love in marriage fails in about half the homes ending in divorce. Self love seems supreme over most other relationships. Only a limited number of our heroes seem willing to die for their country, family, or freedom.

In contrast, we find the ever-

lasting love of our heavenly Father. "But God commendeth his love toward us..." "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will." (Eph. 1:4,5). As 1 John 3:1 says, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God..." Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:10)

No only do we see God's sovereign love for us, but also His shameless love for us as sinners, "...in that, while we were yet sinners." He sent His Son to die for us. As Hebrews 11:16 reminds us, God is not ashamed to be called our God. As Hebrews 2:11 reminds us, Jesus Christ is not ashamed to call us brethren. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

Finally, we see the sacrifice of God's love. "...Christ died for

us." God the Father loved us, even as sinners, enough to sacrifice His Holy Son to die in our place for our salvation. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Pet. 2:24). "18For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." (1 Pet. 3:18). "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isa. 53:4,5). "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). The everlasting love of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit gives us awesome proof of our salvation. Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

Harry F. Wolfenbarger

April 29, 1923 - Feb. 24, 2007

Harry Franklin Wolfenbarger, 83, of Grayling, passed away on February 24, 2007.

He was born in Middlesboro, Ky., on April 29, 1923 to the late William Hugh and Pansy (Chadwell) Wolfenbarger.

He married Hilda Miller on June 4, 1949 in Detroit. He was a member of the Grayling Masonic Lodge, past Master of the Grayling Masonic Lodge, lifetime member of the Shriners, past patron of O.E.S. #83 and past president of the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda, of 58 years; sons, Hugh (Noreen) Wolfenbarger of Almont and Harry Dennis (Jennifer) Wolfenbarger of Sterling Heights; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on February 28, with Dr. William Cargo officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Edward K. Murphy

Edward Kay Murphy, age 73, of Roscommon, passed away February 21, 2007. A funeral service was held on February 24, at St. Michaels.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 126 complaints the week of Feb. 19 - Feb. 25:

One EMS response, one delinquent minors, five false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, one burglary-forced entry-residence, two larcenies, one vehicle theft, one vehicle-stolen other, one damage to property, nine public peace/disorderlies, one accident-failed to report, two health and safeties, one snowmobile violation, four miscellaneous criminal offenses, one miscellaneous arrest, 25 traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, five property inspections, seven civil matters/family disputes, 14 suspicious situations, three lost and found properties, two suicides, 29 general non-criminal complaints and seven driving violations/driving while license suspended

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

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Gibson, Cox engaged



Stacie Gibson and David Cox

Stacie Dawn Gibson and David John Cox, both of Rockford, announce their engagement.

Stacie is a graduate of Stanhope Elmore High School in Millbrook, Ala.

David is a graduate of Grayling High School and Grand Rapids Community

College. Stacie is the daughter of Cristy Sue Pratt of Freeport, Fla.

David is the son of William and Nancy Cox, of Grayling, and the grandson of Clara Sorenson.

An April 21, 2007 wedding is planned in Grand Rapids.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, March 2 - Lunch - veggie burger on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, and fresh fruit salad. No Dinner. 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, March 5 - Lunch - oven omelette, cheesy potato casserole, green beans, and apple. Dinner - swiss steak, baked potato, corn, and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic, 5:30 p.m. Yahtzee.

Tuesday, March 6 - Lunch - Swedish meatballs, asparagus, glazed carrots, and pineapple. Dinner - baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, brussels sprouts, and peas. 10:30 a.m. mystery trip, 10 a.m. quilting,

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. tax aide clinic, 12 p.m. dine and discussion with director, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5 p.m. dine and discuss with director, 5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, March 7 - Lunch- baked pork chops, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli, and applesauce. Dinner - stuffed cabbage, boiled potatoes, spinach, and tropical fruit salad. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at St. Mary's, 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens, 5:30 p.m. Karaoke.

Thursday, March 8 - Lunch- beef baked ziti, peas, corn, and peaches. St. Patrick's Dinner- corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, and grapes. 10 a.m. aerobics, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 5 p.m. St. Patrick's dinner, 5:30 p.m. Uno Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of March 1 - 7 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during March 1 - 7.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training

requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-989-344-6320.

Card of Thanks

Appreciation goes to Sheriff Wakefield, Deputies Chmielewski and Parker, during the recent passing of Waneta Madsen. Also, to Terri Lockwood from Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for her exceptional demeanor. Thanks

to Dr. Lisa Harrington and Free Methodist Pastor, Rick Secord for their inspiration.

A special thank you to those that expressed their condolences during this difficult time.

God Bless, Howard Madsen and family

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402 Michigan Ave. • 348-2574
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Traditional Service... 8:30 & 11:15 am
Contemporary Service... 10:00 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade)... 11 am
Adult Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School... 11 am
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Pastor David Jorgensen
Phone 989-348-1905
Service held Sunday at
Camp AuSable off M-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service... 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School... 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
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Pastor Larry Hankins
Associate Pastor Tom Farnce
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovells
989-348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult)... 10 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study... 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Rick Secord - Pastor
6652 (M-72 W) • 348-9093
Early Service... 8:30 am
Sunday School... 10 am
Morning Service... 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)... 7 pm

Emman Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm

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Pastor Gary Wojdan
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Parsonage 348-7466
Sunday School... 9:30 am
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President David Page
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Primary... 11 am
Priesthood... 12 noon
Relief Society... 12 noon

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Pastor Patricia Pettie, 348-1276
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Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm
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Sunday Worship... 10:30 am

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Eucharist (Wed)... 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist... 8:30 & 10:30 am

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are held at Millers Corner Building
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Mail 9141 N. Cui River Rd Roscommon, MI 48653
Phone: 989-348-0762 or 989-871-6722
E-mail: resurrectionlife@home.com

St. Martin's Lutheran (WELS)
Douglas Carter, Pastor
For information call 989-321-6611
The Roscommon Community Center
Sunday... 9 am
510 South St., Roscommon, MI

Calvary Baptist Church
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M-72 West
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Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Worship... 7 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm
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High winds cause power outage

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Swift winter winds knocked power out for hundreds of area residents and sent students home from school early last week.

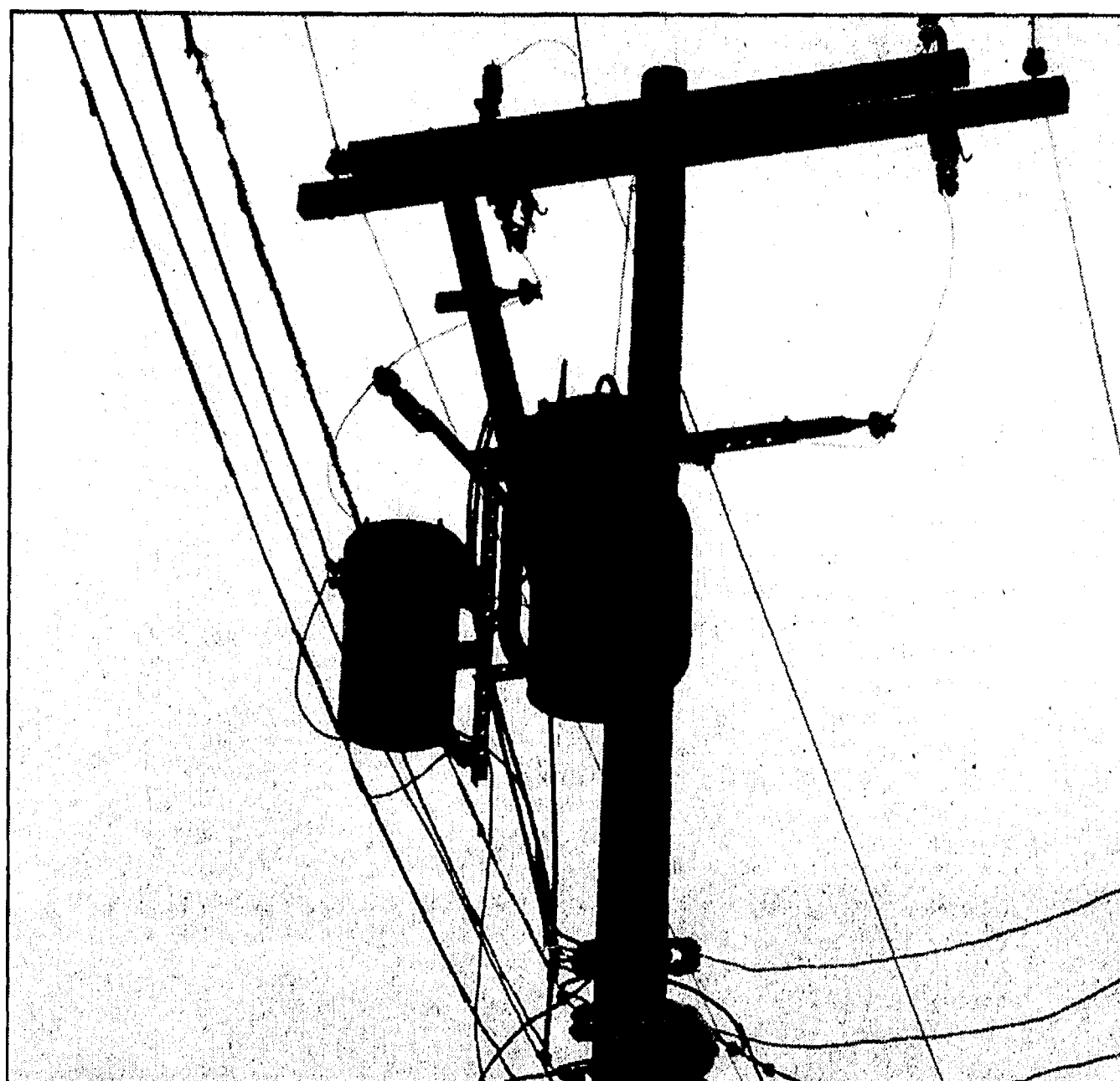
High winds caused an arm on a power pole to collapse, allowing power lines to cross and short out a transformer located behind Radio Shack around 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, Grayling City/Township Fire Department Fire Marshal Travis Roberts said.

A total of 1,284 customers in Grayling were left without power for 81 minutes, said Tim Pietryga, spokesperson for the Consumers Energy.

The outage interrupted classes at the Grayling Middle School, Grayling Elementary School and AuSable Primary School.

School officials opted to send students home early just as the power went back on since they had a report from Consumers Energy that it may have been two more hours before the power would be restored.

"We were not going to be able to prepare lunches, use the rest rooms and had no heat, and that was just too long to have the students in school," Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers said.



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Electronic tethers, GPS devices backed to protect domestic abuse victims

by Brooke Meier
Capitol News Service

Domestic violence laws are being examined again after the brutal death of Mount Pleasant resident Mary Lynn Babb.

One proposal is for a space-age warning device to alert potential victims that their attackers are nearby.

Rep. Bill Caul, R-Mount Pleasant, is drafting a bill that would authorize courts to require domestic abusers to pay for and wear a Global Positioning System (GPS) tether device. It would give off a signal warning their abuse victims.

GPS uses a series of satellites to pinpoint and record the exact location of a person or object. The location is then sent through radio waves to a computer or detection device.

"The goal of the tether is to, one, alert the victim of the abuser's presence nearby, and two, allow enough time for the victim to seek protection, whether that means leaving the area or calling the police," Caul said.

The victim of a convicted or alleged abuser would carry a small GPS device and a cell phone. If the abuser gets too close, the device would signal the potential victim, who could then call police.

Caul said the need for the bill stems from concerns of constituents about the violent deaths of two women in the past year and a half.

Babb, the most recent victim, was fatally shot. Her estranged husband, who was already awaiting trial on several assault charges, is charged with murder.

According to police reports, on Jan. 9 Thomas Daniel Babb wait-

ed for her in the parking lot of the Morning Sun newspaper office where she worked. When she pulled into the parking lot, he rammed her SUV with his pickup until it flipped over, police said. Witnesses told police that Mary Babb tried to escape but was shot twice in the chest with a .20-gauge shotgun.

Police said Mary Babb had obtained a personal protection order and that her husband had been released on bond after being charged with beating and sexually assaulting her.

"At every level, protection orders are important, but we have to look beyond them. Protection orders are not always enough when there are abusers free on bond," said Kathy Hagenian of the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Hagenian said even if current laws to protect domestic violence victims were enforced to the fullest extent, that wouldn't be enough.

"A lot of abusers get in trouble for violations, but we have to go beyond the violation of protection orders and we need to punish them for the crimes they committed when they violated the protection order, not just the violation itself," Hagenian said.

Hagenian said the coalition welcomes Caul's proposed legislation, "We very much appreciate his concern for survivors and his interest in further protection."

Caul said he hasn't heard any opposition to the bill, but as it moves through the process, domestic violence victims' advocates and survivors may have questions.

"We want to address the victims' concerns with the bill and make sure it becomes something

that everyone can agree on. Our ultimate goal is to achieve the best legislation possible," he said.

In 2000, the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board launched a pilot tether project with a grant from the Department of Human Services.

The one-year project allowed district court judges in Oakland and Otsego counties the option of requiring tethers for domestic abusers.

Twelve defendants in Oakland County and one in Otsego County were put on tethers.

While the defendants wore the GPS tethers, none of their victims were harassed, threatened or attacked, a project report said. However, when some of the defendants were released from the tether, they resumed immediate contact with their victims.

The project concluded that if there is no behavior modification or reinforcing treatment while on the system, tethering will not have long-lasting benefits.

Other problems included equipment and monitoring failures and judges who wanted to use the tether as alternative to jail time, which was not allowed by the program.

Hagenian said, "For some of the victims, the tethers were very helpful, but they required a lot of victim participation. They had to say where they would be and notify those who monitored them of any change in locations. Also, for some, the warnings seemed to come too late."

Technology has advanced since 2000, and the new system may not be as cumbersome for victims, she added.

"We need to keep the perpetrator away from the victims. The

new legislation holds a lot of promise," Hagenian said.

Caul has said the cost of a GPS tether - \$17 a day to more than \$50 a day - would be paid by the domestic abuser as part of the court order.

Similar legislation has been passed in Massachusetts, New York, Louisiana and Washington.

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GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Feb. 18 - Feb. 25:

Four private property accidents, five traffic warnings, one motorist assist, two misdemeanor arrests, four suspicious situation complaints, four city ordinance violations, one malicious destruction of property complaint, one larceny complaint, four assist other departments, one be on the lookout, two fraud complaints, one unlawfully driving away an automobile, three alarm complaints, 19 juvenile complaints, one assault complaint, one fire

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by Erik Adams
Capitol News Service

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It doesn't buy much these days, but for Oscoda County, it could buy space for a jail or offices.

A pending Senate bill would let the county buy the building that houses the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Mio field office for that miniscule amount of money.

The \$1 price tag results from complicated negotiations over the building, which involved county officials, representatives from the DNR and Sens. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, and Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

"We had discussed it previously because the state can't donate to a non-profit or other govern-

mental agencies," said County Commissioner Michael Hunt. "So when we talked with Mr. Stamas in his office, we said, 'Well, how can we transfer this?' " "And somebody in the room said, 'We could sell it to you for \$1, just to have a purchase price,'"

The Stamas bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee. If passed, it would require the DNR to transfer the deed to its facilities to the county.

Oscoda County has tried for more than five years to acquire the two-acre property.

"In 2001, we got a letter at the Oscoda County commissioners office that the DNR was willing to offer that property and building to Oscoda County, and we were interested," Hunt said. "We sent a letter back and we started the process of trying to acquire that land."

called "delay after delay," he and other county officials contacted their representatives and senators, but even that was to little avail. Stamas stepped in to help, but things continued moving slowly.

Months of silence following a 2006 meeting between county and state officials ended with an e-mail from Stamas' office saying the DNR was having problems with a consolidation survey of its offices and with the company conducting that survey.

Rodney Stokes, legislative liaison for the DNR, said the department's initial request for the survey was returned because of a technical problem, and the company conducting the survey asked for more time to complete its analysis.

"I'm sure the local unit of government and probably even the legislator are saying we're stalling, but it has been a series of

issues that's beyond our control," he said.

The Mio field office's staff includes a fire officer, because it is located in a critical area for wildfires and forest fires, according to Stokes.

"It's a strategic location for us in terms of fisheries and wildlife," said DNR public information officer Mary Dettloff. The office runs the annual census of the endangered Kirtland's warbler and serves as a station for collecting information on the health of deer herds.

The department is not prepared to say where the Mio workers would be relocated.

Hunt said Oscoda County would most likely use the building as a jail — which the county does not have — or offices. Prisoners are held for up to 24 hours at the sheriff's office and then transferred to jails in neighboring counties.

by Nick Pelton
Capitol News Service

The most famous female sharpshooter from the Old West may become a part of U.S. 127.

A new bill would designate sections of the highway as the "Annie Oakley Memorial Trail."

As written, the bill would designate stretches of U.S. 127 in Lenawee and Gratiot counties, but the actual location has not been finalized, said the sponsor, Rep. Maire Donigan, D-Royal Oak.

Originally, it was to begin at the southern border of Michigan near Waldron to connect with Ohio's Annie Oakley Memorial Pike.

The Ohio native started shooting and hunting at the age of 9 and quickly gained fame for her amazing aim, touring many years with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. She once shot the ash off a cigarette in the hand of the Prince of Prussia, Wilhelm II - at his request.

In 1882, Oakley traveled on what became U.S. 127 as she toured Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Oakley continued performance shooting until her death in 1926.

"She's a real inspiration to

women," Donigan said, "She suffered, but she rose above that."

Memorial designations recognize important people, said Kari Arend, a communication officer at the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"It's a matter of honor," she said.

The cosponsors are Democratic Reps Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington Hills; Mary Valentine of Muskegon; Richard Hammel of Flushing; and Kathleen Law of Gibraltar.

The woman behind the bill is Oakley's great niece, Bess Edwards, an 85-year-old Royal Oak resident, Donigan said.

"You wouldn't believe what this woman has done to promote Annie Oakley," she said.

In 1984, Edwards, whose grandfather was Oakley's brother, started a foundation to promote her ancestor and to help dispel the false rumors about Oakley, of which there are many, Edwards said.

"A lot of the things that were written were totally false," she said.

One of the most famous myths is that Oakley robbed a bank to support a cocaine addiction, Donigan said, but that was untrue

because the bank was robbed by another woman who falsely claimed to be Oakley.

The musical "Annie Get Your Gun" is a fictionalized version of Oakley's life, which often confuses people about the facts, Edwards said.

Edwards said she spends much of her time traveling to schools giving presentations, she said. "Word got around that I was the main resource on Annie Oakley, so teachers started calling me".

"The children sit on the edge of their seat with their eyes wide open," she said.

Edwards spearheaded Ohio's decision to name its pike in 2000, successfully raising interest in tourism and Oakley.

"Maybe this will stir up some interest in Michigan," she said. "I really think it will help."

The Annie Oakley Foundation has been stirring up interest in other ways. It has been involved in producing books, DVDs and television programs about her, and there is interest in creating an Annie Oakley doll, Edwards said.

If the bill is approved, any markers along the memorial trail must be paid for by private contributions, Arend said.

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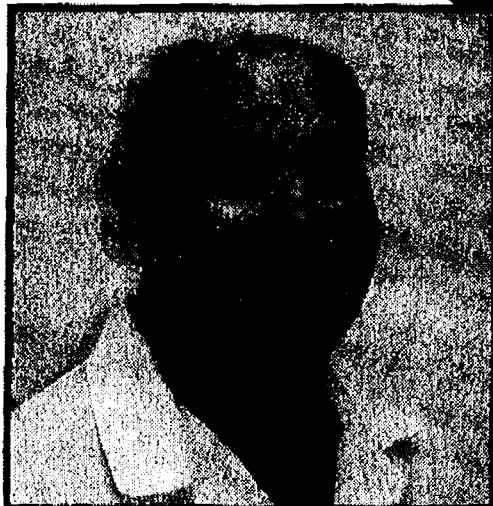
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Plenty of applicants seek Kirtland's top post

At least 26 potential applicants have thrown their hats into the ring to become the sixth president of Kirtland Community College.

"So far, I'm been very impressed with the quality of candidates," said Dale Shantz, Kirtland's director of human resources. "They have what we're looking for - and that is a lot."

The search for a successor to Dr. Charles Rorie, who has served as the top administrator at Kirtland since 2000, started last fall after Rorie announced his intentions to retire as of June 30. In October 2006, the KCC Board of Trustees hired search consultant David Ponitz, president emeritus of Sinclair Community College of Ohio.

Shantz, the board's liaison to Ponitz and member of the Advisory Committee, updated KCC board members at their regular monthly meeting Feb. 15 at the Kirtland House, located on the college's main campus near Roscommon.

According to Shantz, Ponitz will review the applications and conduct preliminary reference checks before submitting a list of 15 recommended candidates to the Advisory Committee by mid-March. The committee, which includes various administrators, staff members and individuals from the public sector, will narrow that list to five finalists and two alternates.

The full board of trustees could then interview the five finalists in April, before offering the college's top administrative post to the winning candidate. KCC officials hope to reach an agreement with that individual and have them report for their first day on the job on or about July 2.

At the Feb. 15 meeting, board members discussed the possibility of the full board reviewing the top 15 candidates, if needed.

"The committee is charged to

narrow it down to the seven individuals that most closely fit the profile approved by the board," said Trustee Denis Weiss, one of two board members on the Advisory Committee. "That's the program we laid out."

"We may change it," added Sally Galer, board president. "But we should let (the committee) make the recommendation."

Shantz said there is no firm deadline or cutoff to receive additional candidates, adding that at least two more potential applicants called his office to say they'd be sending in application packets.

"And I'm fielding some additional calls," he said. "We're guessing there will be between 25 and 30 candidates."

So far, the applicant pool includes one current college president and 10 vice presidents, with 20 of the candidates having already earned doctorate degrees. Eleven of the applicants call Michigan home, while the job posting has also drawn interest from persons in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Ohio, Vermont, Pennsylvania and New York.

The winning candidate will oversee Kirtland's main campus located near Roscommon, as well as the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord. Currently, about 2,300 students attend a variety of certificate and two-year degree programs at the two campuses.

KCC's service area includes all or parts of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Alcona counties, as well as the surrounding areas.

For more information on the presidential search, contact Shantz by calling 989-275-5000, extension 271, or via e-mail at shantzd@kirtland.edu.

OMH offers CPR class

Would you know what to do in a cardiac emergency? On Tuesday, March 13, Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) is teaching community members how to respond to emergency situations by offering a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class. The class is \$15 per person or \$25/couple.

Cardiovascular disease is the nation's number one killer and many deaths—about 250,000 per year—occur suddenly and without warning due to sudden cardiac arrest. A victim of sudden cardiac arrest is likely to die within minutes if CPR and defibrillation do not occur. CPR can add critical minutes to a sudden cardiac arrest victim's life by pumping blood and oxygen to vital organs such as the heart, brain and lungs. The majority of all sudden cardiac arrests occur at home (75-80%) and only about 5 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims survive. The signs of sudden cardiac arrest include an abrupt loss of consciousness, collapse and the loss of normal breathing.

"When performed effectively, CPR doubles the chance of survival," said Paul Hagan, OMH CPR instructor. "Taking a CPR class is a great opportunity for residents to learn a skill that may save the life of a friend or family member. It is a vital, life-saving

skill that everyone needs to know. When your spouse, parent or child's life is on the line, the training allows you to overcome your fear and act quickly and confidently."

This is a community CPR course and does not meet CPR certification requirements of employment or required professional credentials. The course is three hours and is based on the American Heart Association's guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care.

In addition to training local residents, the American Heart Association's life support courses are used to train more than six million people each year. The courses are provided through a network of 3,500 training centers and 250,000 instructors and are available year-round. For more information or to register, call OMH the community Health Education department at 989-731-2193.



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Huron Pines announces the recipients of O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards

The purpose of the O.B. Eustis Environmental Award is to recognize environmental protection or improvement efforts in Northeast Michigan. Through a \$1500 grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, each award winner will be able to designate their portion of the grant to an environmental project in Northeast Michigan. The award winners were recognized at the Huron Pines Annual Meeting on Feb. 3 in Hillman. The award was named for the late O.B. Eustis, whose career in Northern Michigan was exemplary in balancing economic and environmental issues.

The nominees came from the eleven-county Northeast

Michigan region, namely Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon counties. Nominations were judged by a committee of representatives from the region, including representatives from the Eustis family.

The 2006 recipients are Alcona Township, Loraine Becker and Jerry Smith.

Alcona Township in Alcona County was recognized for their establishment of a park on Lake Huron at the mouth of the Black River. The township, under the leadership of township supervisor Roger Carlin, applied for and received a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to create the park in conjunction with the department's upgrading of the public access on the river. Many residents of the township spent hundreds of hours cleaning and refurbishing the area so now it is a beautiful place to visit.

Loraine Becker was recognized for her educational efforts to teach young people about the ecology of a river. She plans and organizes 'watershed walks' for students from the Atlanta, Hillman and Johannesburg-Lewiston high schools, whereby the students meet with resource specialists along the river while canoeing from its headwaters to its mouth at Lake Huron in Alpena learning about the unique environment of a drainage system.

Jerry Smith was recognized for his outstanding contributions to protect and preserve the beautiful Ocqueoc River in Presque Isle County. He has spent many days of his time working with other members of the Ocqueoc River Watershed committee to improve the area.

Huron Pines has been a partner in the O.B. Eustis Awards since the awards were begun in 1995. Nominations forms, along with the criteria by which the applicants are judged, can be obtained by contacting the Huron Pines office.

Open deer season on a weekend, lawmaker says

by Justin Kroll
Capitol News Service

A proposal to move up the opening of the deer rifle hunting season on a weekend instead of a weekday could save hunters the trouble of taking time off from work, a representative said.

Rep. Rick Shaffer, R-Three Rivers, wants the season to begin on the second Saturday in November to be more convenient to hunters.

That would be Nov. 10 this year instead of Nov. 15, a Thursday. The season would still last 15 days.

Shaffer also predicts an economic benefit if Michigan follows the lead of states including Arkansas, Wisconsin and California, that moved their firearms date up.

"I look at it also as an economic driver," Shaffer said. "This would allow tourists to drive to Michigan and hunt. This way they are spending their money here and helping out our economy."

Shaffer, who is on the House Appropriations Committee which deals with budget, said some colleagues are receptive

but he has no co-sponsors for the bill.

Shaffer said he has received favorable responses from conservation clubs but Rodney Stokes, the legislative liaison for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), said he hasn't heard the same reaction.

"We did a survey a couple years back that talked about moving the date and what most hunters would think about moving the date up," Stokes said. "There wasn't a strong difference in hunters caring or not caring on whether the date was moved up or not."

The DNR is analyzing Shaffer's bill and other legislation that could change the hunting season, but Stokes said he is uncertain about the current bill and its effect.

Shaffer acknowledged that the bill wouldn't wipe out the budget deficit, but said he hopes for some benefit from the change.

"In times like our current tragic economic time, we as legislators must look at any way that could help our situation. This could be one of those situations," Shaffer said.

AREA EVENTS

Kalkaska - The Kalkaska Eagles #4496, are hosting Karaoke Mardi Gras, on Saturday, March 3, at 7 p.m. There will be singing, dancing, drink specials and more. The hall is located between Grayling and Kalkaska.

Traverse City - As part of the *Off the Wall: Sundays at the Dennon* program, the Dennon Museum Center is hosting an Appraisal Day on Sunday, March 4, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Local art appraiser Don Butkovich will be at the museum to verbally appraise your hidden treasures. The proceeds from a \$5 fee per artwork will generously

be donated to the Dennon Museum Center's museum programming fund. Celebrate the last day of the *Terrible Beauty: Compulsion and Repulsion* installation by Jennifer Angus by learning more about the masterpieces and mysteries in your own art collection. The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free to members or \$4 for adults, \$2 for children for non-members, and \$12 for families (same household).

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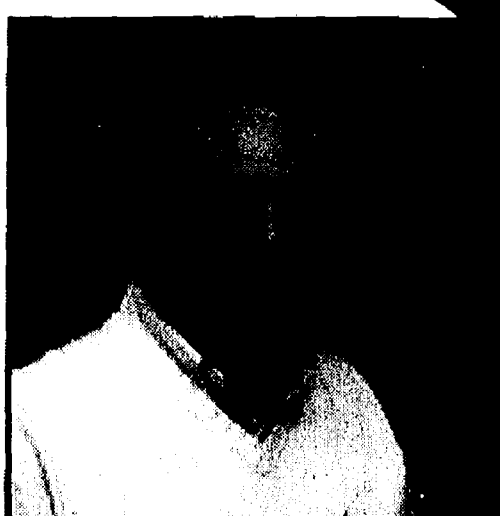
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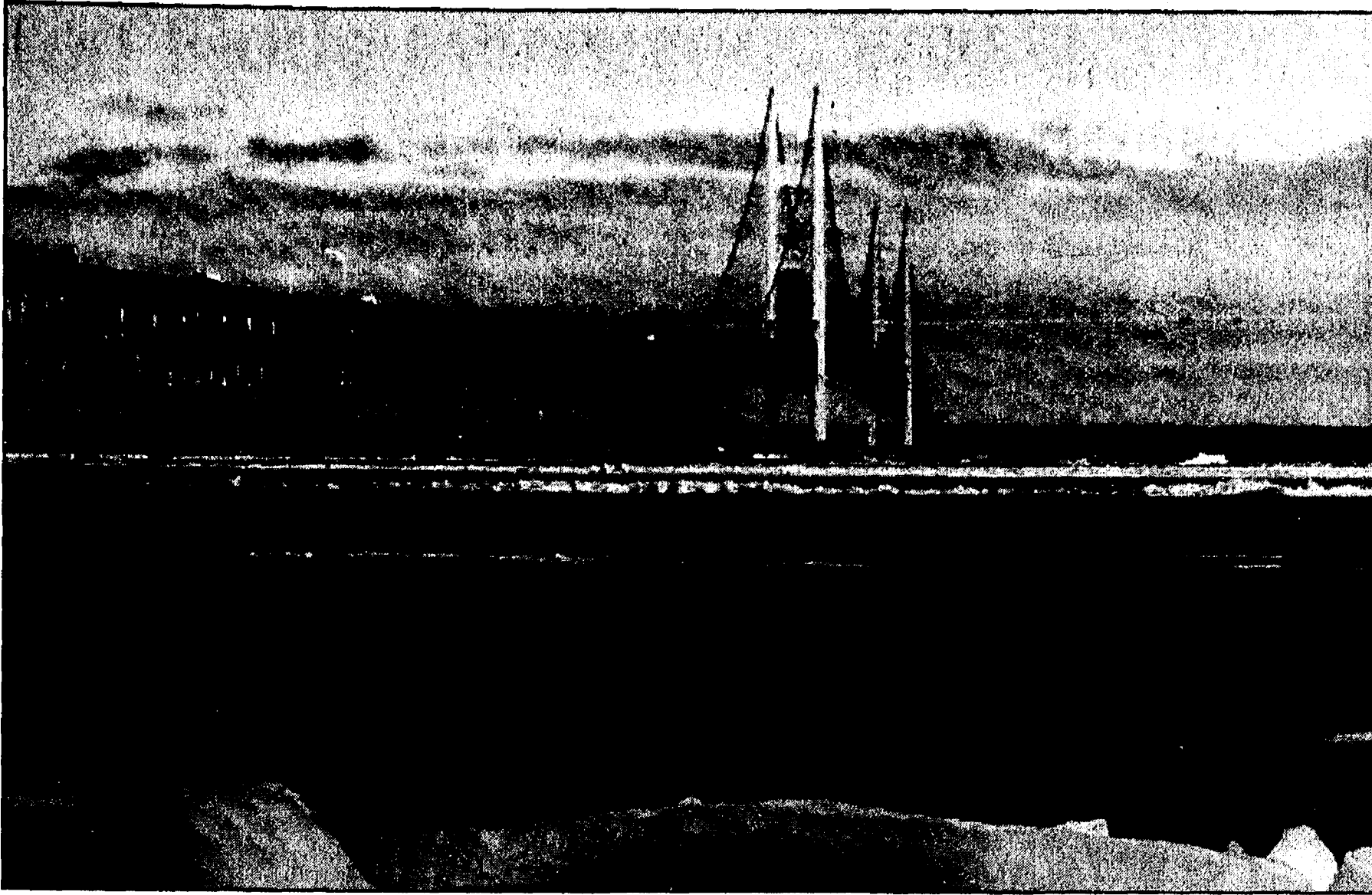
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In November the Mackinac Bridge will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Bridging the Straits, the questions and the myths

by Michael Carney
Capitol News Service

Like children in an old television show, tourists crossing the Mackinac Bridge say the damndest things, according to U.S. Mackinac Bridge Authority.

"What time does the bridge swing over to the island," is one of the most commonly heard questions by toll collectors, said Bob Sweeney, executive secretary of the authority.

In November, the bridge will celebrate its 50th anniversary, and its keepers will hear plenty of interesting, entertaining and sometimes just plain silly questions.

"When people cross the bridge, they don't realize they are still in Michigan, let alone the U.S.," Sweeney said. "They want a different exchange rate for their money."

Heightened passport rules for traveling between the U.S. and Canada have resulted in an increased asking of another question:

"Do you need to see my passport?"

Entering the Upper Peninsula is like entering a foreign or new world for some tourists.

"We have one collector who is American Indian and looks very much so," Sweeney said. "When people come across they will say, 'Look kids, a real Indian!' He really gets a good laugh from that one."

Construction began on the bridge on May 7, 1954, following years of debate on how to best cross the Straits of Mackinac.

Everything - from a tunnel to a series of causeways, tunnels and bridges going from Cheboygan to Bois Blanc Island to Round Island to Mackinac Island and finally ending in St. Ignace - before a single suspension bridge with two towers was ultimately chosen.

"The original concept showed two suspension bridges" end to end, said Sweeney. "There would have been four towers with three or four anchor piers."

Questions about nearby Mackinac Island also provide

many humorous moments for toll collectors.

"How big is the parking lot on the island?" at least one tourist wondered, according to Sweeney. "There is no parking lot on the island."

"Then where do I park my car?" a distraught tourist demanded.

Mackinac Island remains reachable primarily by ferry, and no motor vehicles, except emergency ones, are allowed on the historic site.

Contrary to popular misbelief, there is no one buried in the concrete of the Mackinac Bridge, according to the bridge authority.

Commonly told among schoolchildren, that story is about an ironworker who lost his footing and fell to his death. It's said he landed in newly poured concrete, where his body lies today, preserved beneath the bridge connecting the two peninsulas of Michigan.

While historians say no ironworker is encased in concrete, five people did die in accidents related to construction of the bridge.

One diver died when he surfaced too quickly, a welder died when he fell into an underwater retaining structure, a worker fell from a short distance into the water and drowned, and two others fell 550 feet from a catwalk near the north tower, according to the authority.

Of the two workers who fell from the catwalk, one body was recovered immediately and the other was never found, it said.

Tolls have always been a staple of the bridge to offset the costs of construction and maintenance.

"I remember when the toll was 75 cents," is another frequent comment.

Funny, considering tolls were never that low, said Sweeney.

Opened on Nov. 1, 1957, tolls were set at \$3.25 per passenger vehicle.

In 1961, tolls rose to 3.50 and again to \$3.75, where they stayed until 1969, when the Legislature passed funding for the authority and tolls were lowered to \$1.50

for a passenger vehicle.

The cost for traversing the bridge remained at \$1.50 until 2005, when it was raised to \$2.50, because of increased maintenance costs, Sweeney said.

The Mackinac Bridge is the third-longest suspension bridge in the world behind the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge in Japan at 12,826 feet between suspensions and the Great Belt Bridge in Denmark at 8,921 feet. Both bridges opened in 1998.

At 8,614 feet between suspensions, the Mackinac Bridge is the longest suspension bridge in the Western Hemisphere.

The total length of the bridge is 28,372 feet. It links Mackinaw City in the Lower Peninsula and St. Ignace in the Upper Peninsula.

At just over five miles, the bridge is long enough to cause some trouble for crossing motorists who fail to fill up their gas tanks before crossing.

"It happens every year," Sweeney said of motorists running out of gas. "It's really interesting how many we get. It's not a comfortable place to be broken down."

Because there is nowhere to go, bridge officials must go to the embarrassed motorists and bring them gas or tow them across.

Not all events that occur on the bridge are so negative, however.

One of Northern Michigan's largest events of the year, the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day walk, results in at least one person proposing marriage.

To keep the bridge looking pristine, workers spend countless hours and use myriad gallons of paint.

"Every year we use around 50,000 gallons for spot painting," said Sweeney. "We used to paint from one end to the other and it would take seven years, or 350,000 gallons of paint." Of the paint used each year, 45,000 gallons of green is used on the lower sections and cables, while 5,000 of ivory is used on the structures.

Because of an \$80 million maintenance plan, the 50-year-

old structure is expected to have an infinite lifespan.

Everything from the steel structure below the deck to the joints holding the bridge together are slated for replacement by 2014, said Sweeney.

"A suspension bridge is like a rope bridge above a ravine," he said.

And like a rope bridge, it shifts, as much as 35 feet in high winds, resulting in wear and tear to components of the structure, according to the authority.

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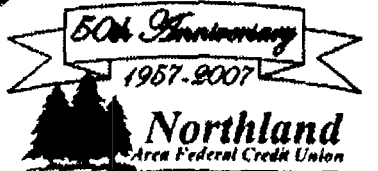
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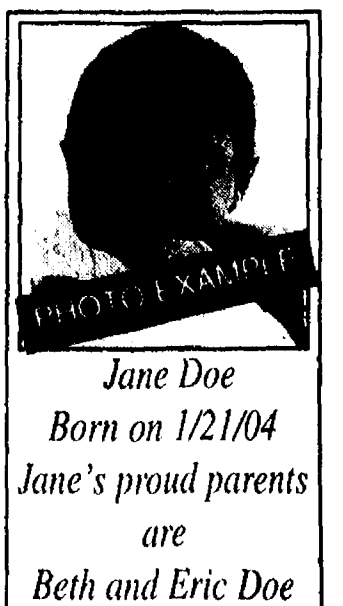
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DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for March.

Immunization clinics: March 7 and 21 by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: March 6, 13, 20, and 27. Call (989) 348-7800 for appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children:

March 9, 15, 19, 21-22, and 26. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839.

Flu clinics are being scheduled, call (989) 348-7800, for appointment.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled March 20 in Grayling. Call (989)-348-7800, ext. 8042.

for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three years to third grade. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are held in Crawford County at the Head Start Building in Grayling. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

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AARP warns consumers about new twist on Medicare Part D fraud

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AARP is warning Medicare Part D subscribers about a new twist on Medicare Part D fraud that is a variation on slamming, the practice of tricking people into switching coverage through deceptive marketing. Medicare beneficiaries in Michigan recently received an official looking letter and were asked to complete a form. The victims believed they were dealing with Medicare so they willingly disclosed their personal information on the form. The information was then used by scammers

to switch their coverage. The victims reported this scam to their legislator, Rep. Frank Accavitti, who, in turn, alerted AARP.

According to the Web site www.medicare-partd.com, a Medicare recipient in the Midwest, and one on the West Coast, both reported being telephoned by someone claiming to represent Medicare. The person said that he would deposit money into the senior's bank accounts if the seniors would provide the bank account numbers. The caller asked one of the seniors for his social security number and threatened that if he did not provide it he would lose his Medicare coverage. At least one of these calls was traced to a phone number outside of the United States.

Seniors need to know that Medicare will never ask them to disclose personal information about the Part D plan. People

with Medicare need to remember that they should be on the lookout for anyone trying to take advantage of them and take steps to protect themselves by remembering:

Be cautious if a sales agent wants to do business in your own home. Legitimate businesses have offices where you are free to leave when you wish. It is difficult to terminate a sales call in your home.

Always keep all personal information, such as your Medicare number, safe, just as you would a credit card or bank account number.

Whenever you have a question or concern about any activity regarding Medicare, call 1-800-MEDICARE.

Call the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services to verify the prescription drug insurance plan at 1-877-999-6442.

The Michigan Medicare

Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) can help with all health insurance, Medicare and Medicaid questions, applications, appeals and complaints. These services are available statewide, free of charge, by calling 1-800-803-7174.

Additionally, legitimate Medicare drug plans will not ask for payment over the telephone or the Internet. They must bill the beneficiary for the monthly premium, like any other insurance plan. Typically, that amount is set up as an automatic deduction from the beneficiary's monthly Social Security check. Beneficiaries may also opt to pay the monthly premiums in other ways such as writing a check or setting up automatic payments from their checking accounts.

If you receive a prescription drug card solicitation in the mail, in person, or by phone, and you have questions, call the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program at 1-800-803-7174. Michigan's Attorney General can also assist with complaints of fraud. The Attorney General's Web site is www.michigan.gov/ag and contains a list of approved prescription drug plan providers.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Library

The H.U.G.S. (History United with Genealogy Society) meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., at the Devereaux Memorial Library. Learn how to access plat maps and land deeds and how to use them in researching family history. The public library computers will be available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to research family history and genealogy. Experienced genealogists will be available for assistance.

The Crawford County Library System is dedicated to preserving community culture and resources through HUGS.

The library is currently working on many historical projects that include updating cemetery databases, digitizing family and local historical images and transcribing census data. If you are interested in promoting Crawford County's History and are willing to share your time, talents, family histories or pictures, please join in.

If you are new to genealogy or find yourself hitting a brick wall, local historian-genealogists Nancy and Kim are available at the Main Branch-Devereaux Memorial Library on Mondays from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Stop in or call to make an appointment by calling 348-9214. For genealogy inquiries or assistance email: CCLS-HUGS@crawfordco.lib.mi.us.

Card of Thanks

As many of you are aware, our son Trent Larm was seriously injured in a snowmobiling accident on Jan. 20, 2007. Words cannot express the sincere gratitude we have felt over the past month. Knowing that we had great support from all of you in Grayling, made our 10 day stay at Munson easier so that we could focus on Trent's recovery.

The visits, prayers, phone calls and flowers were so overwhelming. I am happy to report that Trent is home and getting stronger everyday.

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March Madness 2007

Vikings to play Chiefs of Cheboygan on Wednesday

■ District 63-B tournament includes five teams, will be held at Roscommon

The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team drew a first round bye in the upcoming district tournament, and will open its postseason schedule with a semifinal game against the Cheboygan Chiefs at Roscommon next Wednesday.

There are five teams in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's District 63-B tournament - Grayling, Petoskey, Elk Rapids, Cheboygan, and Roscommon. Roscommon High School will be hosting the event.

Grayling, Cheboygan, and Elk Rapids drew first round byes and advance to the semifinals. In the only round one matchup, Petoskey will face Roscommon at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 5.

On Wednesday, March 7, Grayling will play against Cheboygan at 6 p.m. In the 8 p.m. game on Wednesday, Elk Rapids will play against the winner of Monday night's Petoskey vs. Roscommon battle.

The District 63-B championship game will be played at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

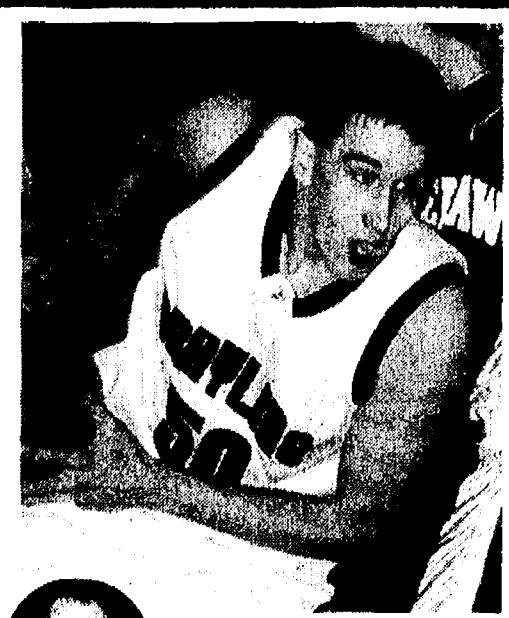
"Roscommon and Petoskey are the favorites to win the district," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Roscommon has Dane Carey and a good cast of players around him. Petoskey's Dustin Dibble is also an outstanding player and they play in the tough BNC League. Cheboygan and Elk Rapids have both shown the ability to play with teams on a given night."

"We could be the dark horse team in the district. Our team has improved immensely since

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GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



Jim BOYLAN
6'8" Senior
Forward/Center



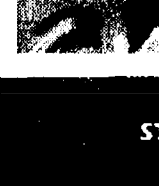
Mike BOYLAN
6'10" Senior
Forward/Center



Steve HODGE
5'10" Senior
Guard



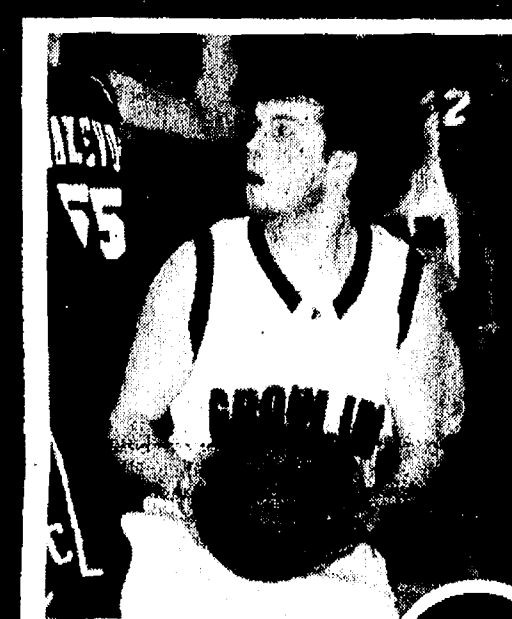
Richard SCHREIBER
6'0" Junior
Guard



Josh STAPLETON
5'11" Junior
Guard



Nick PARKINSON
6'0" Senior
Forward



Jeremiah BOOTZ
6'3" Senior
Forward



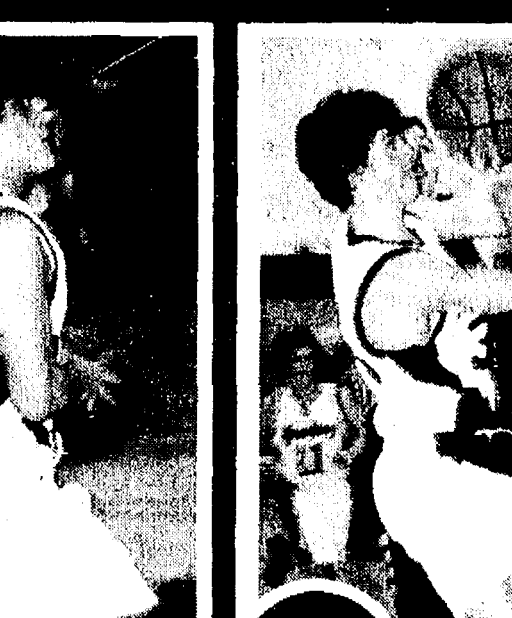
Rocky McNAMARA
6'0" Junior
Forward



Jason DRUDGE
6'0" Junior
Guard



Justin SUMMERS
6'1" Junior
Guard



Matt McDONALD
6'0" Juniors
Forward



Spencer DEAN
6'3" Sophomore
Forward



Tyler STEFFEY
6'5" Sophomore
Center

MARCH MADNESS 2007

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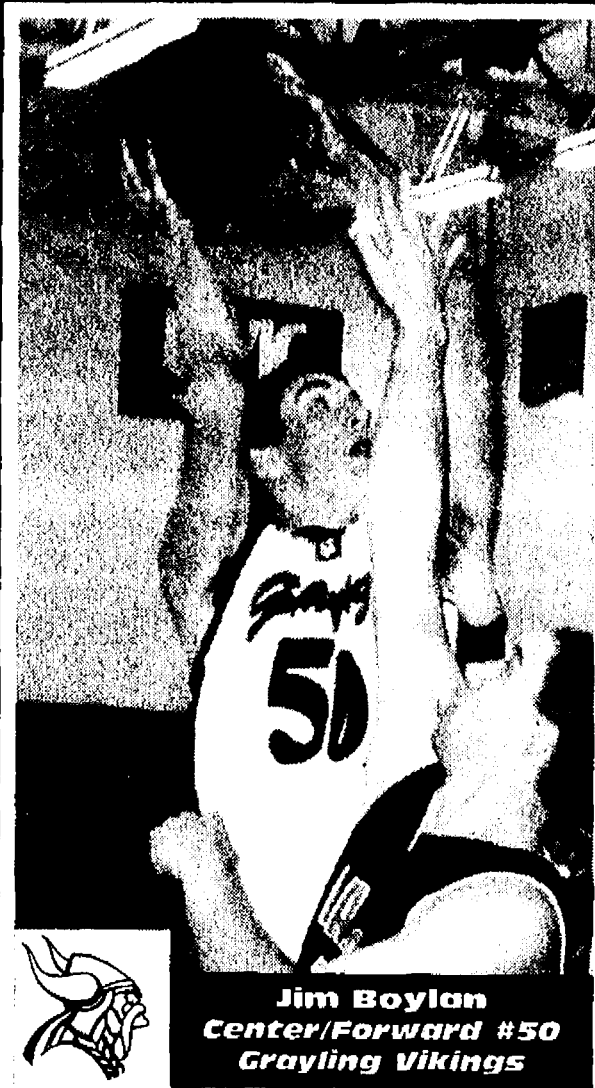
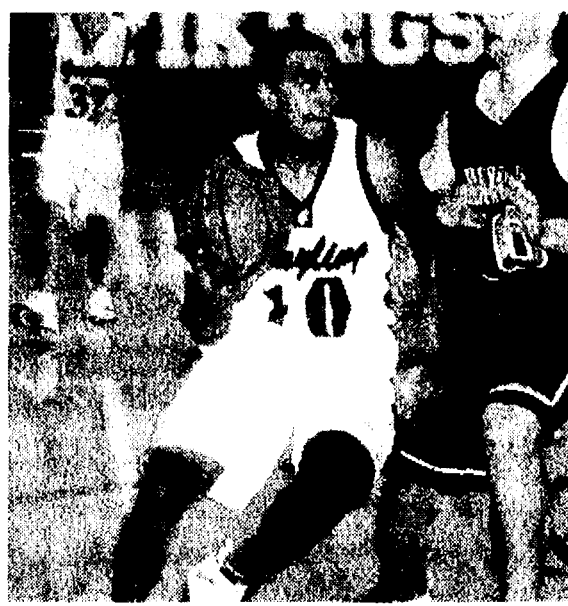


Steve Hodge
5'10"
Senior
Guard



2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
260	26	52	46	11



Jim Boylan
6'8"
Senior
Center

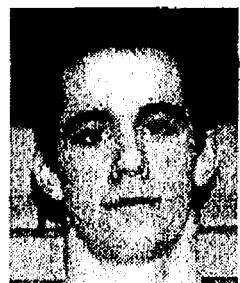


2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
135	154	10	28	21

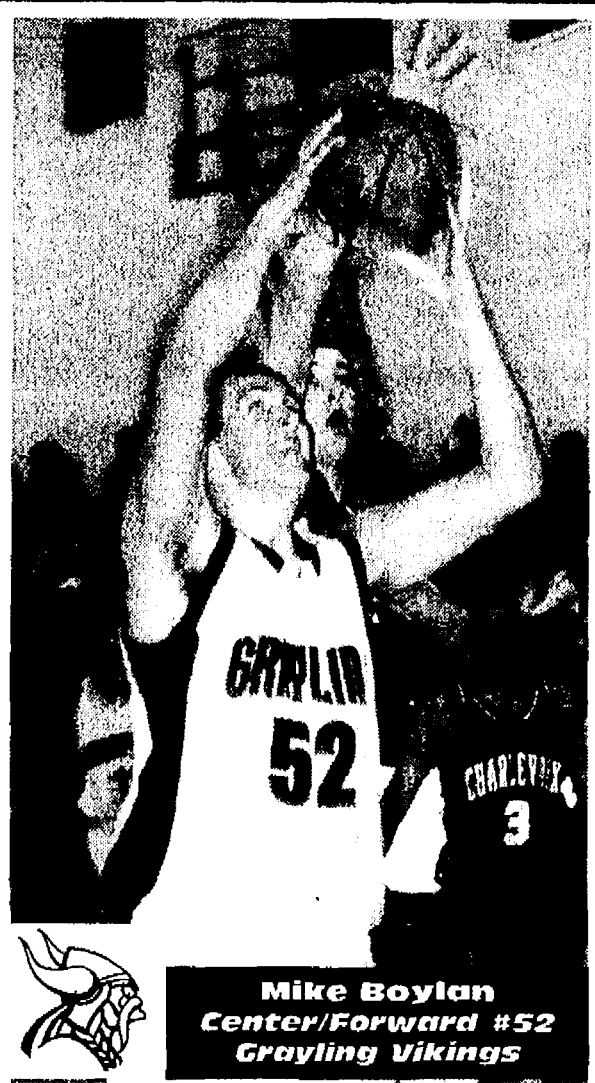
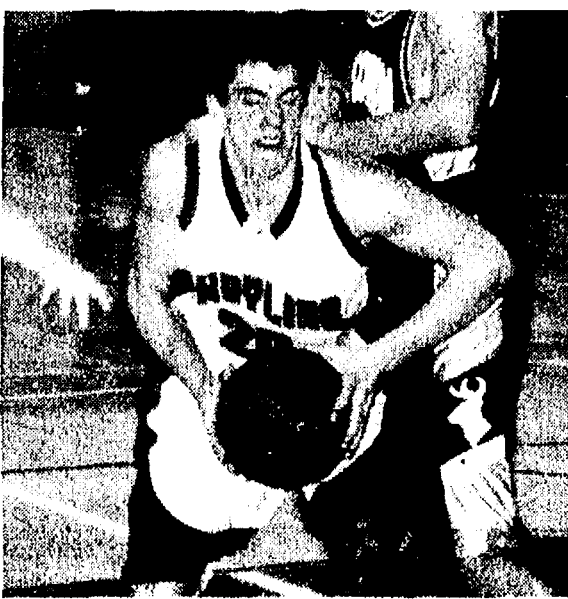


Nick Parkinson
6'0"
Senior
Forward



2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
63	93	17	31	3



Mike Boylan
6'10"
Senior
Center

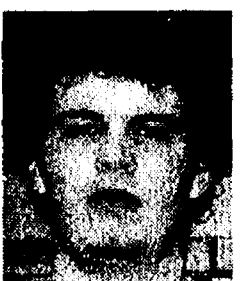


2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
203	169	15	20	34



Jeremiah Bootz
6'3"
Senior
Forward



2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
48	47	4	7	2



Justin Summers
6'1"
Senior
Guard



2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
23	14	6	8	1



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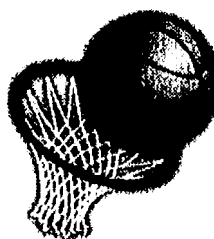


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Richard Schreiber
Guard #12
Grayling Vikings

Richard Schreiber
6'0"
Junior
Guard



2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
92	60	91	83	2



Rocky McNamara
Forward #22
Grayling Vikings

Rocky McNamara
6'0"
Junior
Forward



2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
17	24	3	8	1



Josh Stapleton
Guard #2
Grayling Vikings

Josh Stapleton
5'11"
Junior
Guard



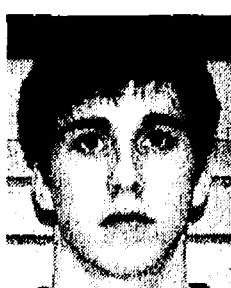
2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
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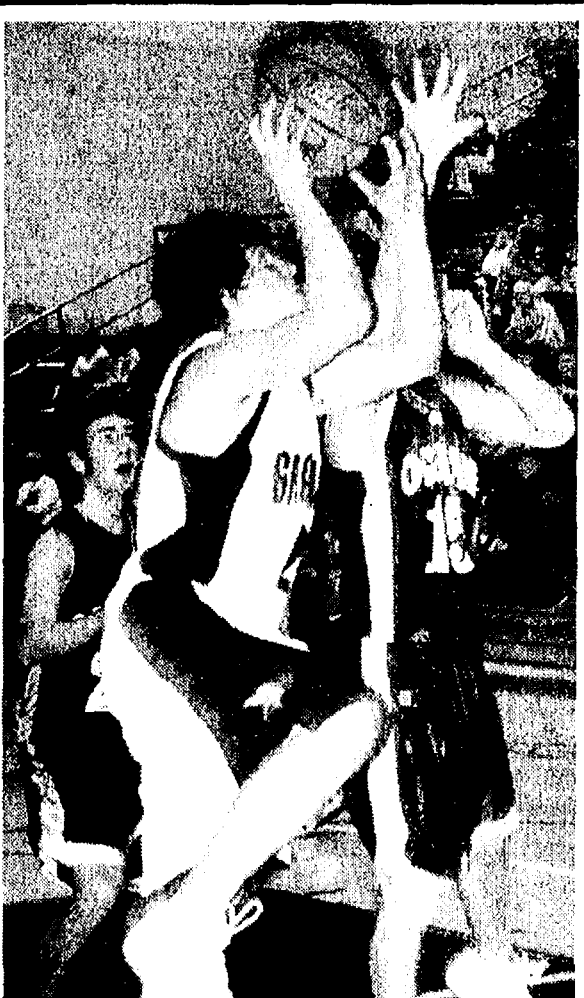
Jason Drudge
Guard #32
Grayling Vikings

Jason Drudge
6'0"
Junior
Guard



2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
18	22	21	18	0



Matt McDonald
Forward #32
Grayling Vikings

Matt McDonald
6'0"
Junior
Forward



2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
8	1	0	2	0



Spencer Dean
Forward #10
Grayling Vikings

Spencer Dean
6'3"
Sophomore
Forward



2006-2007 Season Statistics

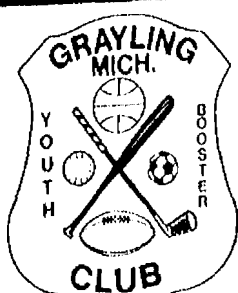
Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
19	23	5	9	1



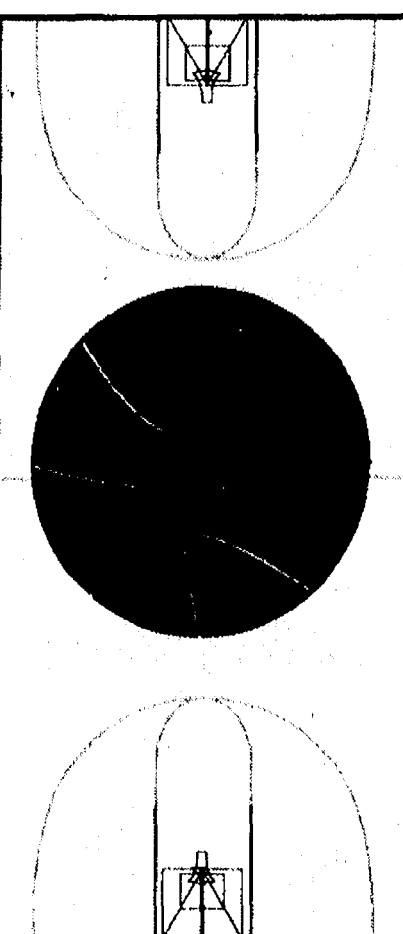
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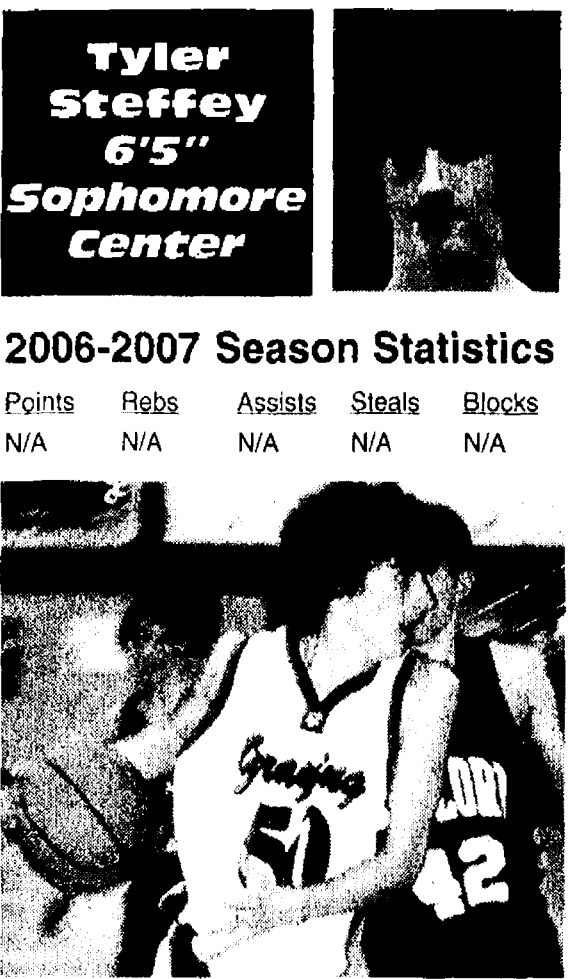


Tyler Steffey
6'5"
Sophomore
Center

2006-2007 Season Statistics

Points	Rebs	Assists	Steals	Blocks
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Tyler Steffey
Center #50
Grayling Vikings



Vikings to play Chiefs of Cheboygan on Wednesday

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the beginning of the year and we have shown the potential that we can play with anybody. Our guard play has been strong and our inside players have established their presence in our games. If we continue to improve, we could be a tough team to beat," Coach Moffit said.

This year's Viking squad

includes six seniors (Steve Hodge, Nick Parkinson, Justin Summers, Jeremiah Bootz, Jim Boylan, and Mike Boylan), five juniors (Josh Stapleton, Richard Schreiber, Rocky McNamara, Jason Drudge, and Matt McDonald), and two sophomores (Spencer Dean and Tyler Steffey). Dean split time between the JV squad and varsity team this year. Steffey

played on the junior varsity squad all year and is being moved up to varsity for the postseason.

After 19 games, the Vikings have an 8-11 overall record and a 6-7 record in Lake Michigan Conference games.

Pre-sale tickets for the Grayling vs. Cheboygan game are now available at the Grayling High School office.

Michigan High School Athletic Association Boys Basketball Class 'B' District #63

(Bye)

All games will be held at
Roscommon High School.

(Bye)

Semifinal
Wednesday, March 7
6 p.m.

(Bye)

(Bye)

Final
Friday, March 9
7 p.m.

Petoskey

Monday, March 5
7 p.m.

Roscommon

(Bye)

Semifinal
Wednesday, March 7
8 p.m.

(Bye)



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Regionals



The 2006-07 varsity boys basketball team: (front, L to R) Manager Hemal Patel, Josh Stapleton, Steve Hodge, Trent Larm (injured - out for season), Jason Drudge, Justin Summers, Richard Schreiber; (back, L to R) Assistant Coach Butch Hayes, Rocky McNamara, Nick Parkinson, Jeremiah Bootz, Mike Boylan, Jim Boylan, Spencer Dean, Matt McDonald, Coach Rich Moffit. Not pictured: Tyler Steffey.

What is MARCH MADNESS?

The phrase "March Madness" refers to the furor surrounding high school and college basketball playoffs, which begin in March all across the country.

For area high school basketball teams (and their fans), March Madness starts with the district tournaments, the first round of playoffs. Teams that win advance

to the next game, and teams that are defeated are finished for the season.

Every year, *The Crawford County Avalanche* salutes March Madness with a special portion of the sports section devoted entirely to the varsity boys basketball team just prior to the start of districts.

The Vikings will start post-season play this year with a District 63-B semifinal match against Cheboygan on Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. at Roscommon High School.

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Josh Stapleton (left) and Richard Schreiber (right) shoot the ball for the Grayling Vikings on Friday night at GHS.



Vikings defeat Blazers, Elks

Grayling wins 58-40 at Elk Rapids and posts 61-47 victory vs. Kalkaska

The Vikings of Grayling High School won both of their varsity boys basketball games last week, winning at Elk Rapids on Tuesday and defeating Kalkaska at home on Friday.

On Tuesday night, the Vikings jumped out to a 17-5 first quarter lead, and Grayling led 29-16 at halftime. The Vikings won the game by a final score of 58-40.

"We played very well in spurts," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Good win on the road. We had great scoring balance."

Leading scorers for the

Vikings included: Steve Hodge, 17 points; Richard Schreiber, 9 points, 5 steals; Mike Boylan, 9 points, 9 rebounds; Jim Boylan, 7 points, 10 rebounds; Nick Parkinson, 6 points; Josh Stapleton, 5 points, 6 assists. Jeremiah Bootz, Spencer Dean, Matt McDonald, and Rocky McNamara also scored points for GHS.

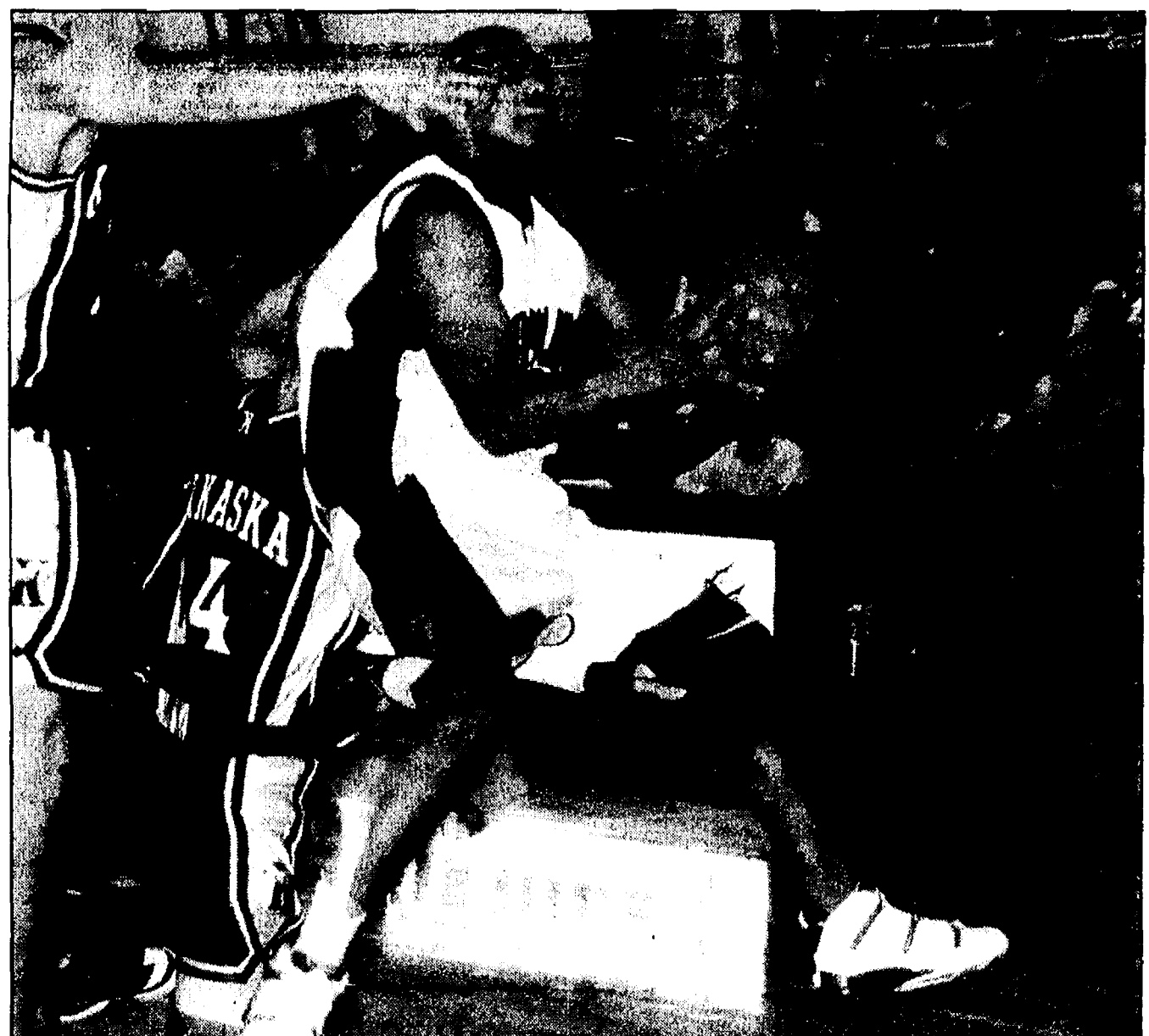
On Friday, the Vikings defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 61-47 in Grayling's last home game of the 2007 season.

"It was a hard fought win for our players. Our team grinded out this win and finished strong the last three minutes of the game. Defensively, I was pleased with our interior play and the fact

that our perimeter kids did a good job of covering up the Blazers shooters," Coach Moffit said. "Offensively, we had a nice inside-out game. Our inside players established our inside game early, and our guards hit some big shots."

Leading scorers for Grayling: Hodge, 16 points, 4 steals; M. Boylan, 15 points, 10 rebounds; J. Boylan, 12 points, 8 rebounds; Stapleton, 7 points, 7 assists, 7 steals; Schreiber, 8 points, 5 assists, 9 steals; Parkinson, 3 points, 6 rebounds.

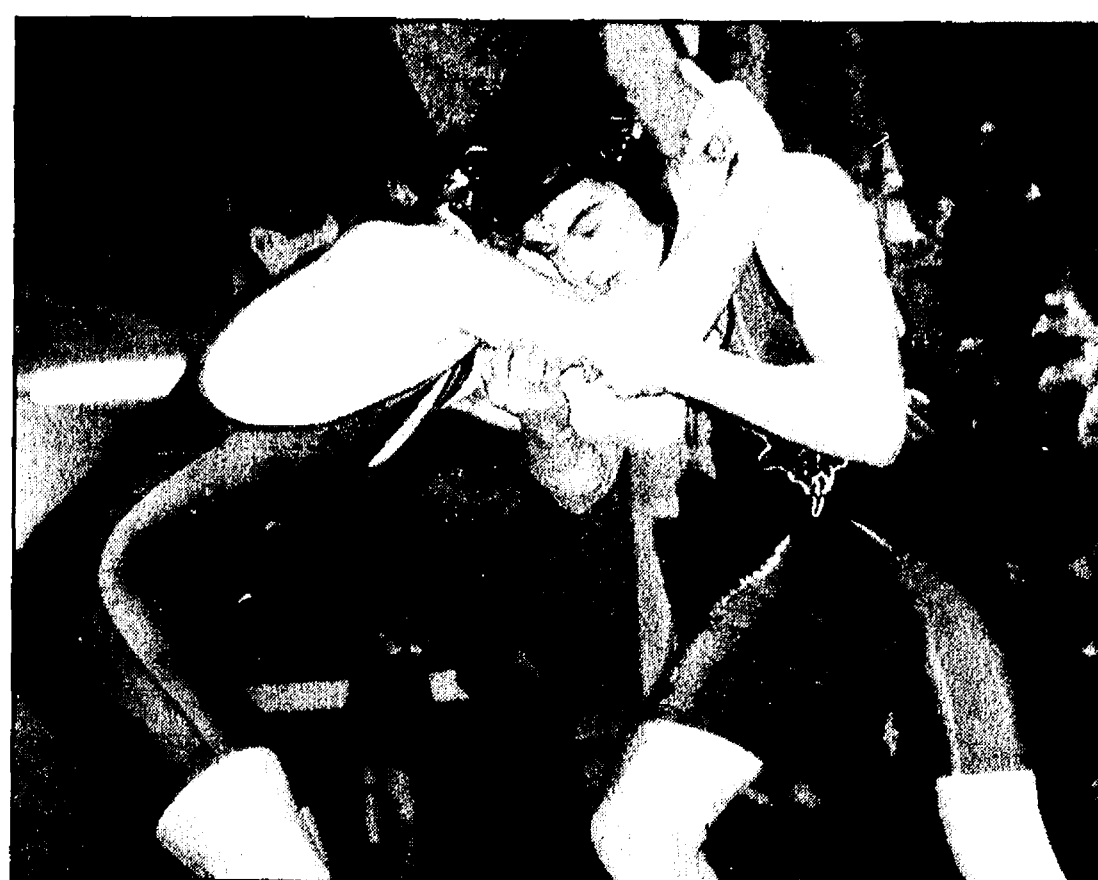
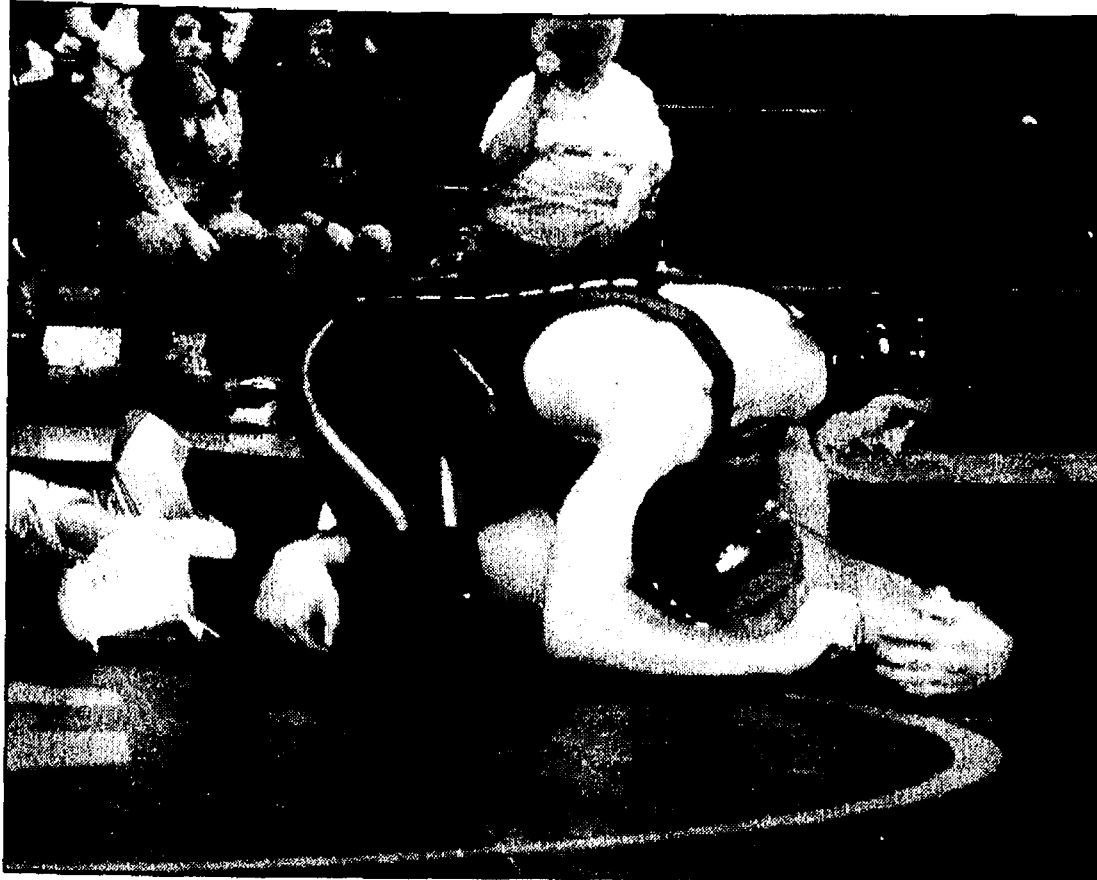
The Vikings will play the Cheboygan Chiefs in the District 63-B semifinals at Roscommon on Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m.



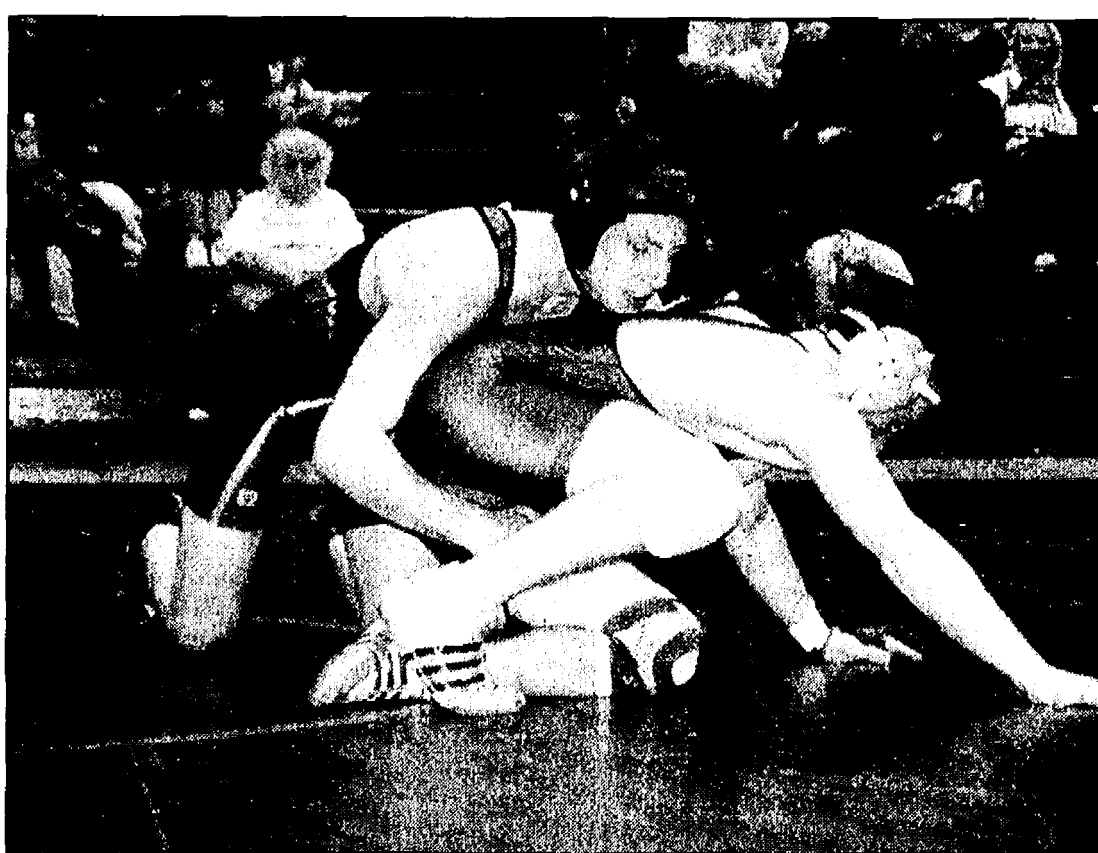
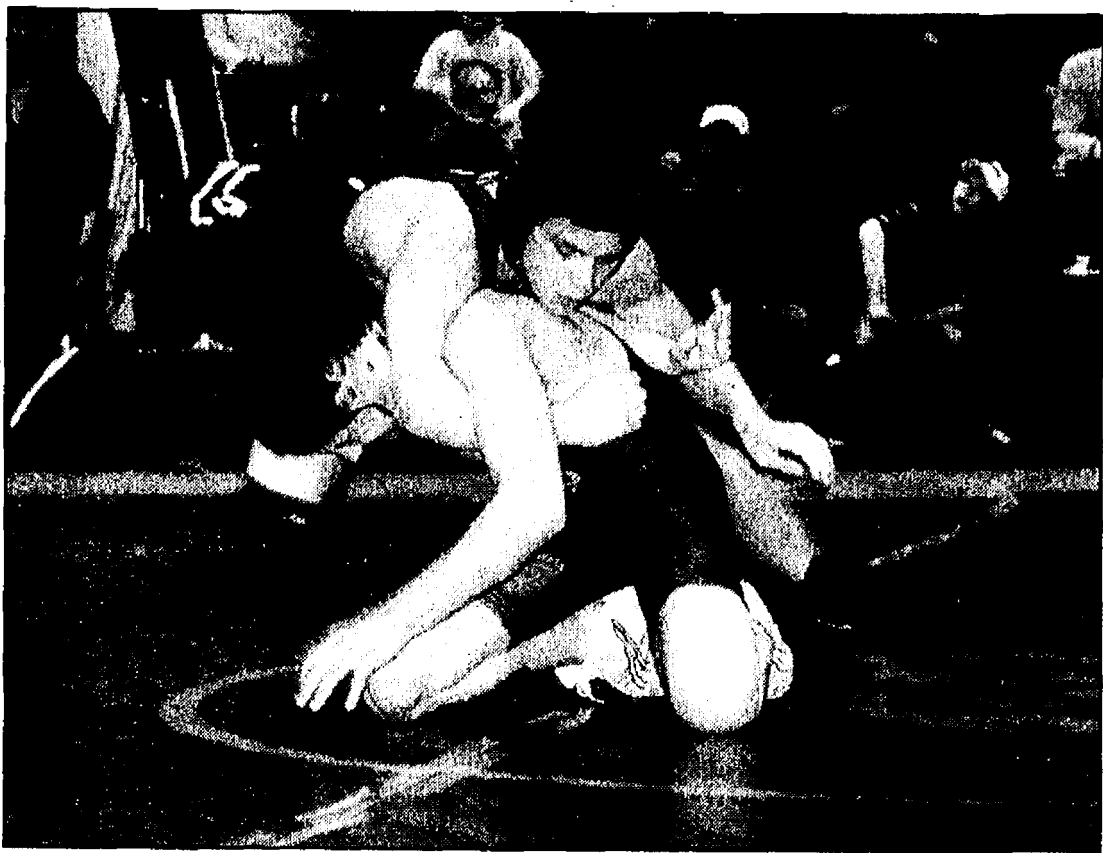
Steve Hodge drives to the basket for the Vikings during last week's game against the Kalkaska Blazers.



(Left) Justin Summers handles the ball for the Vikings. (Right) Mike Boylan shoots for Grayling vs. Kalkaska.



Jeff Bancroft (160), left, and Corey Metzger (152), right, wrestle for Grayling vs. Roscommon during the regional tournament last Wednesday at Cheboygan High School.



Josh Moggo (112), left, and Cody Collen (140), right, compete against the Roscommon Bucks at regionals last week.

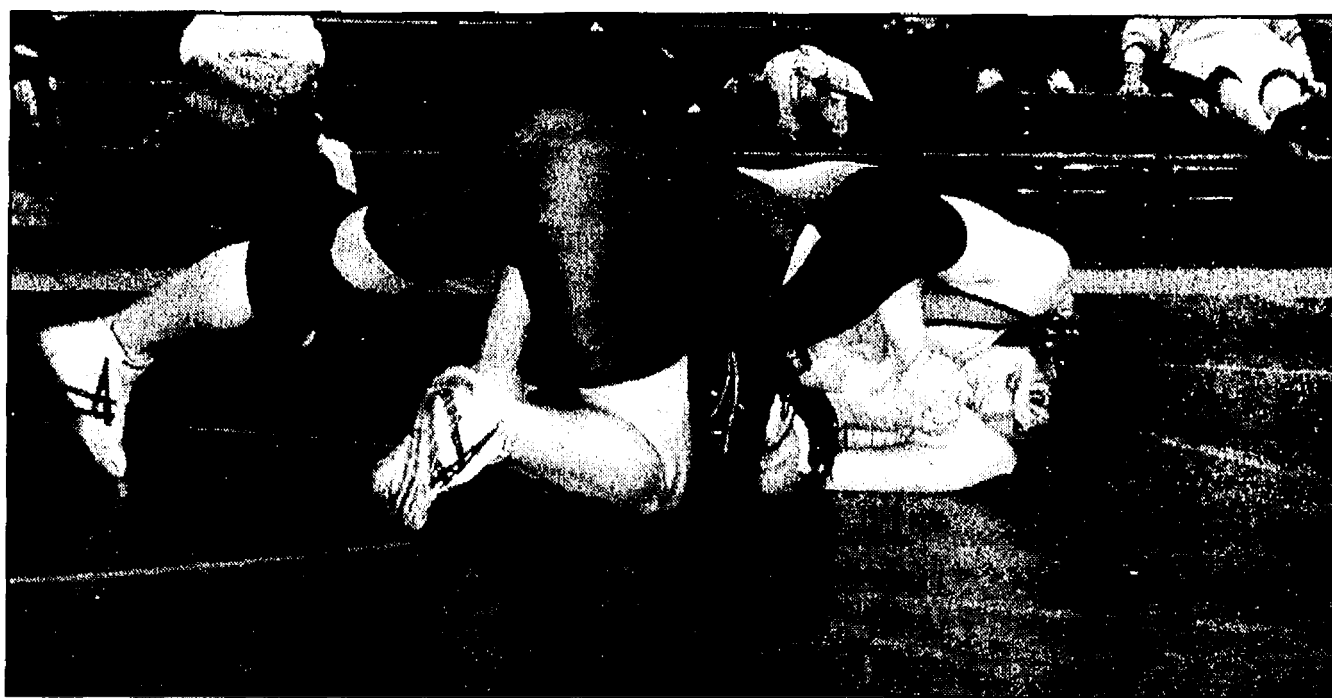
Tournament run ends with regional loss to Roscommon

Grayling High School's wrestling team ended its playoff run with a loss to the Roscommon Bucks in the regional semifinals last Wednesday at Cheboygan.

The Vikings qualified for the Region 117-3 tournament by winning the District 167-3 tournament held at Kalkaska on Thursday, Feb. 15.

Roscommon won the first match (103) of the regional semifinal battle vs. Grayling with a first round pin. At 112, Josh Moggo won a 7-6 decision for Grayling. The Bucks won the next three weight classes by pin. Grayling forfeited at 135. Roscommon took the 140- and 145-pound divisions by pin.

Corey Metzger (152) pinned his Roscommon opponent in the second round. Jeff Bancroft (160) won a 10-6 decision and Eric



Cody Malone (145) wrestles against Roscommon at last week's regional tournament.

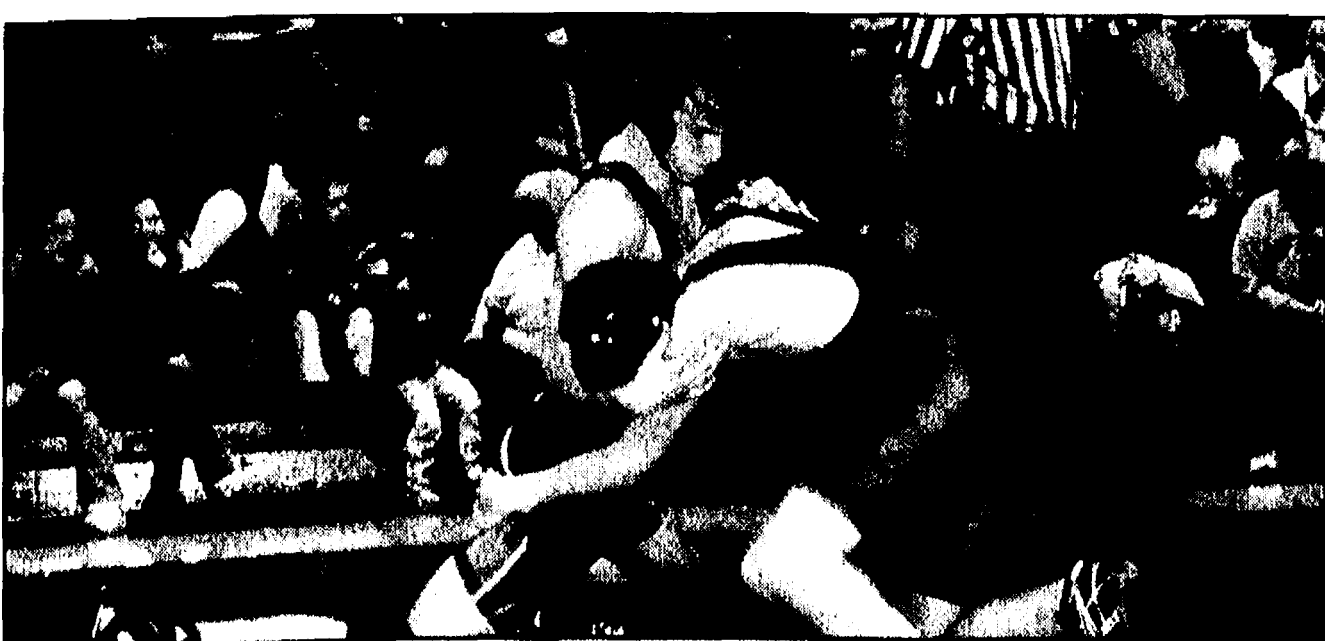
Madill (171) scored a pin in the second round.

Roscommon won by pin at 189 and 215. Matt Letts (heavy-

weight) won by default in the final weight class of the contest. Roscommon won by a final score of 54-24.



Tyler Arseneau (135) grapples with a Roscommon opponent.



Adam Crittenden (125) competes against the Bucks on Wednesday.

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JV basketball team falls to Kalkaska in overtime 65-55

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team lost an overtime battle vs. the Kalkaska Blazers last Friday at Grayling High School by a final score of 65-55.

The Vikings led 23-20 at half-time. At the end of regulation, the score was tied at 54-54. The Blazers outscored Grayling 11-1 in OT to win the contest.

Leading scorers for Grayling: Alex Gabriel, 23 points, 10 deflections, 8 rebounds; Ryan Foguth, 8 points; Tyler Steffey, 7 points; Eric Ferrigan, 5 points; Jacob Aubry, 4 points, 4 assists; Ross Teeple, 4 points.

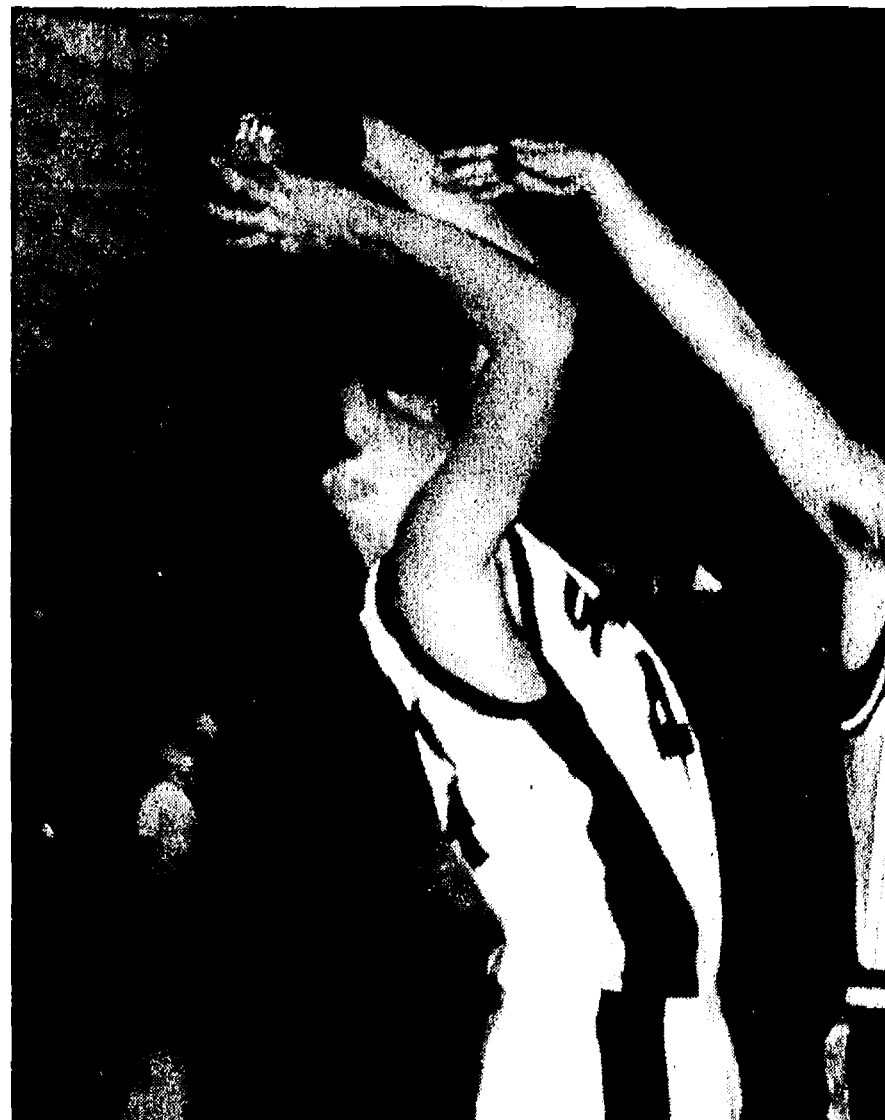
"We played with a lot of heart during this game. Starting halfway through the first quarter our defensive pressure was outstanding and that is what kept us in the game," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "Kalkaska has two outstanding guards - Donnie Bush, who scored 24 points, and Travis Schuba who scored 23 points. Ryan Foguth, Jacob Aubry, and Eric Ferrigan played them tough defensively all game. Alex Gabriel had a

big game for us. Early in the game Alex realized he had a mismatch and he took advantage of it when he got the ball. Todd Johnson and Dylan Nye earned their first start for us and played well in the first few minutes of the game. Unfortunately, some missed free throws and a poor shot selection down the stretch sent the game to overtime where we struggled to score."

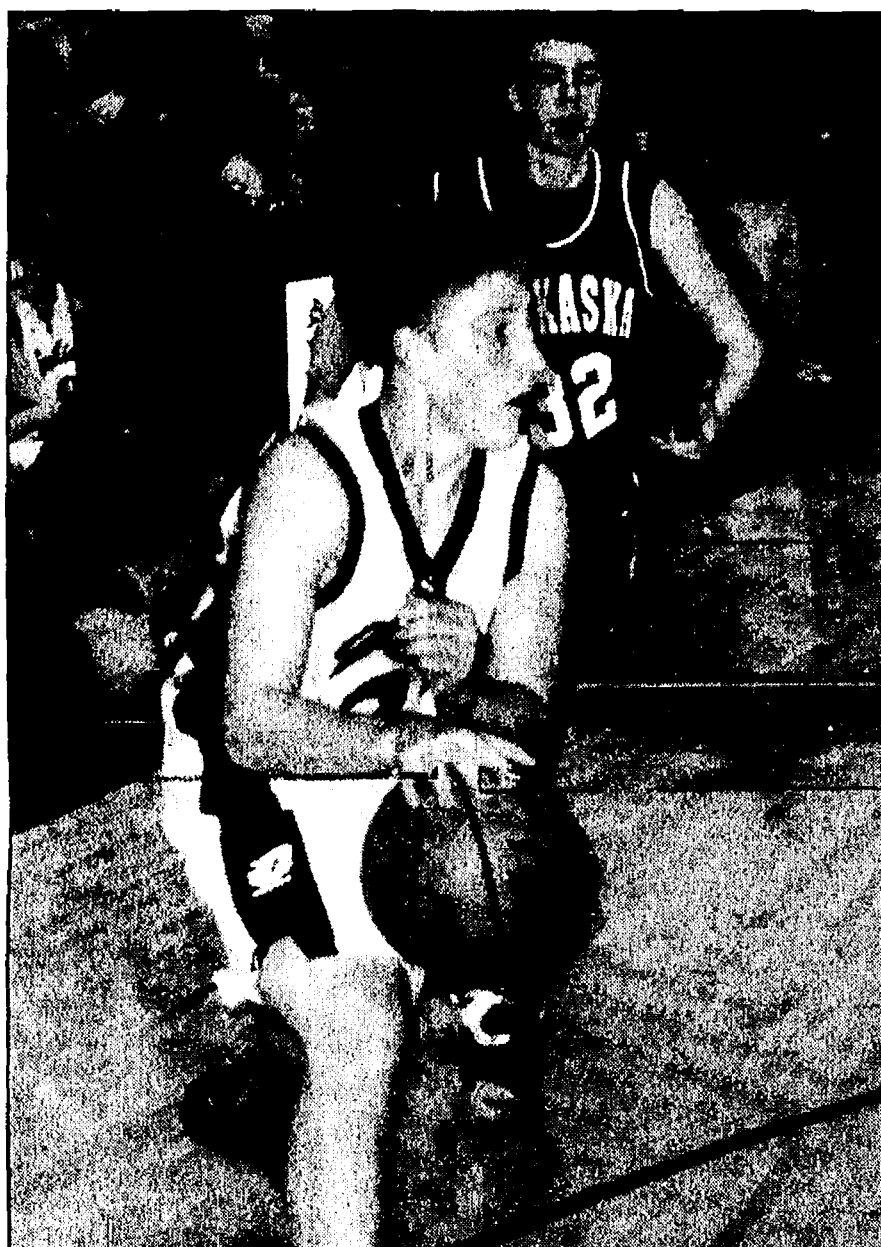
On Tuesday, Grayling lost 46-24 at Elk Rapids.

Grayling's leading scorers included: Steffey, 8 points; Foguth, 5 points; Teeple, 4 points; Gabriel, 3 points; Ferrigan, 2 points; Doug Gothro, 1 point.

"This is by far the worse game we have played all year," Coach Kucharek said. "As a team we had 36 turnovers and Elk Rapids did not press us. We didn't do a good job of getting the ball into the post where we had players open all night and when we did get them the ball we didn't finish."



Mike Davis shoots the ball for the JV Vikings during last Friday's game against Kalkaska.



Ryan Foguth handles the ball for Grayling on Friday night vs. Kalkaska.



Alex Gabriel looks to shoot the ball for GHS on Friday during the game against the Blazers.

JV volleyball squad hosts EJ



Talia Piper hits the ball for Grayling High School's JV girls volleyball team during last Thursday's home meet against the East Jordan Red Devils. East Jordan won the first two games of the series, and GHS won game three 15-9.



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Course	Dates	Location
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	April 2	Tawas
QuickBooks - Level 2 \$108	Jan. 17	Gaylord
	Feb. 7	Houghton Lake
	March 7	Gaylord
	April 4	Tawas
QuickBooks - Level 3 \$108	Jan. 19	Gaylord
	Feb. 9	Houghton Lake
	March 9	Gaylord
	April 6	Tawas
MS Excel - Levels 1 & 2 \$68 each level	Feb. 26	Gaylord
	March 19	West Branch
	April 16	Gaylord
	May 21	West Branch
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	Feb. 28	Gaylord
	March 21	West Branch
	April 18	Gaylord
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	Jan. 23 & 25	West Branch
	Feb. 13 & 15	Gaylord
	March 27&29	Grayling
	May 15 & 17	Gaylord

Management and Leadership Classes		
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Leadership Styles \$103	Feb. 20	Gaylord
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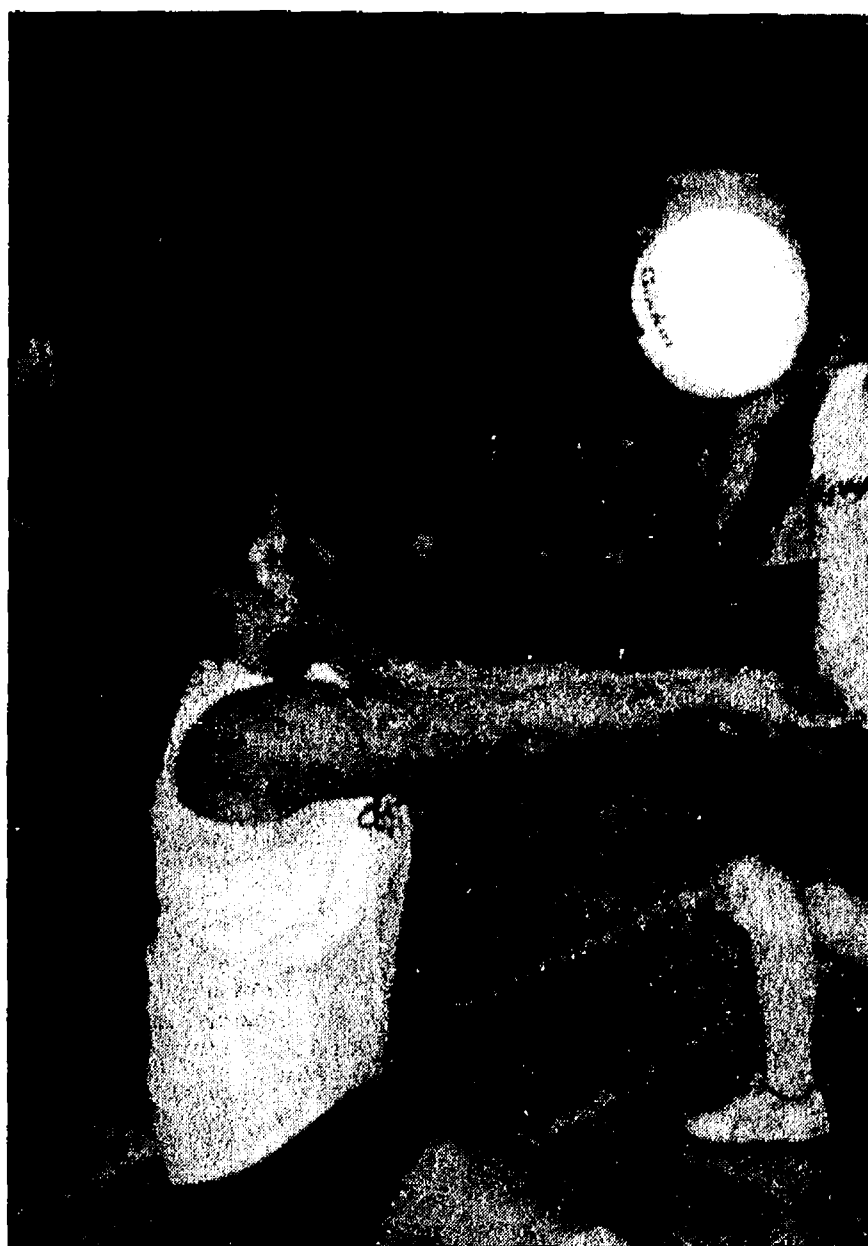
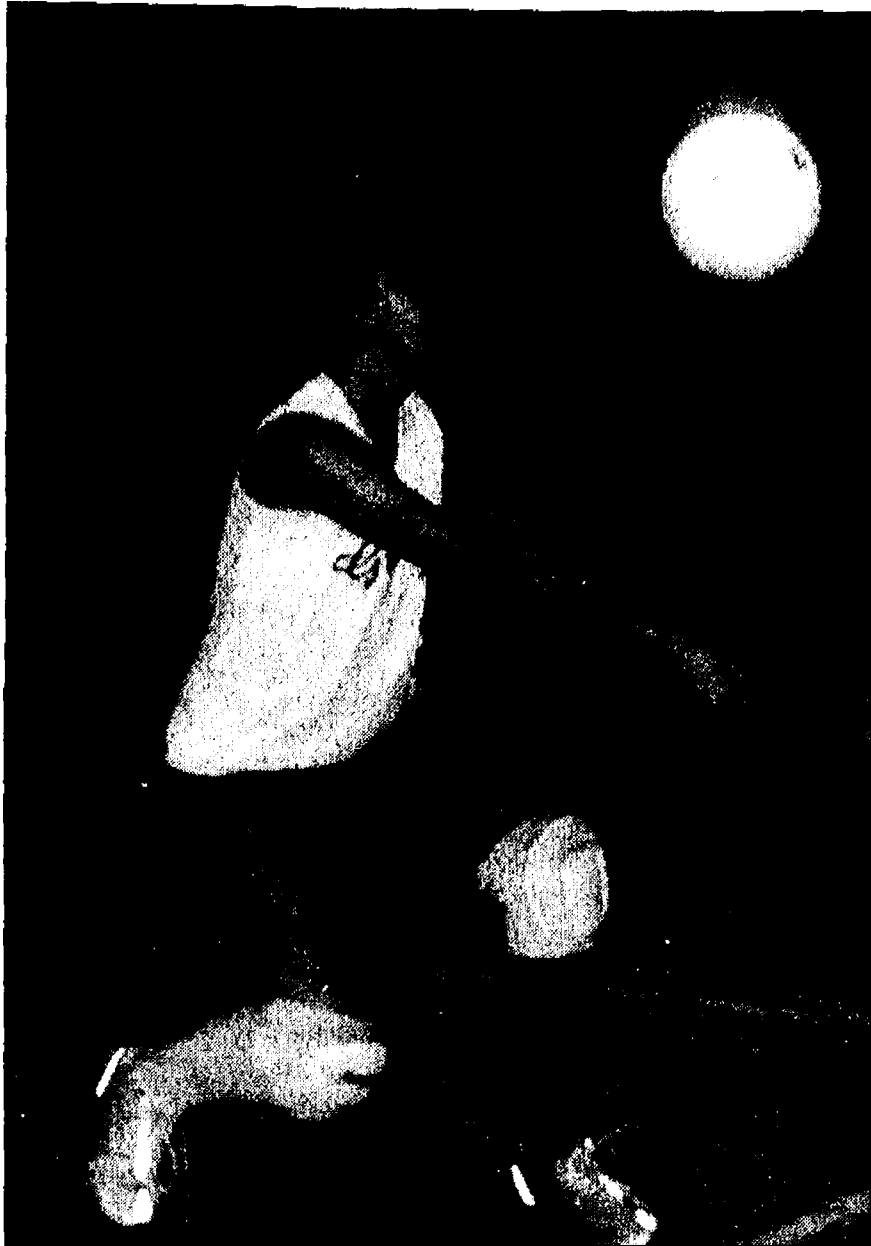
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Varsity volleyball team falls to East Jordan 3-0 on Thursday



Monica Leslie (left) and Alyssa Lewis (right) hit the ball for the GHS varsity volleyball squad during last Thursday's home game vs. the East Jordan Red Devils. East Jordan won 3-0 (25-14, 25-14, 25-17).



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Gaylord Electric	46 - 46	Hollis, 608; K. Harris, 554; P.	Faustman, 540.
Kickin Grass	43 - 49	High Game	Men: L. Crampton, 235; B.
Sylvester's	41 - 51	Hollis, 231; K. Harris, 212.	
Spike's	38.5 - 53.5		
Lone Pine	27.5 - 64.5		

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Legion	77	Holiday Inn	41
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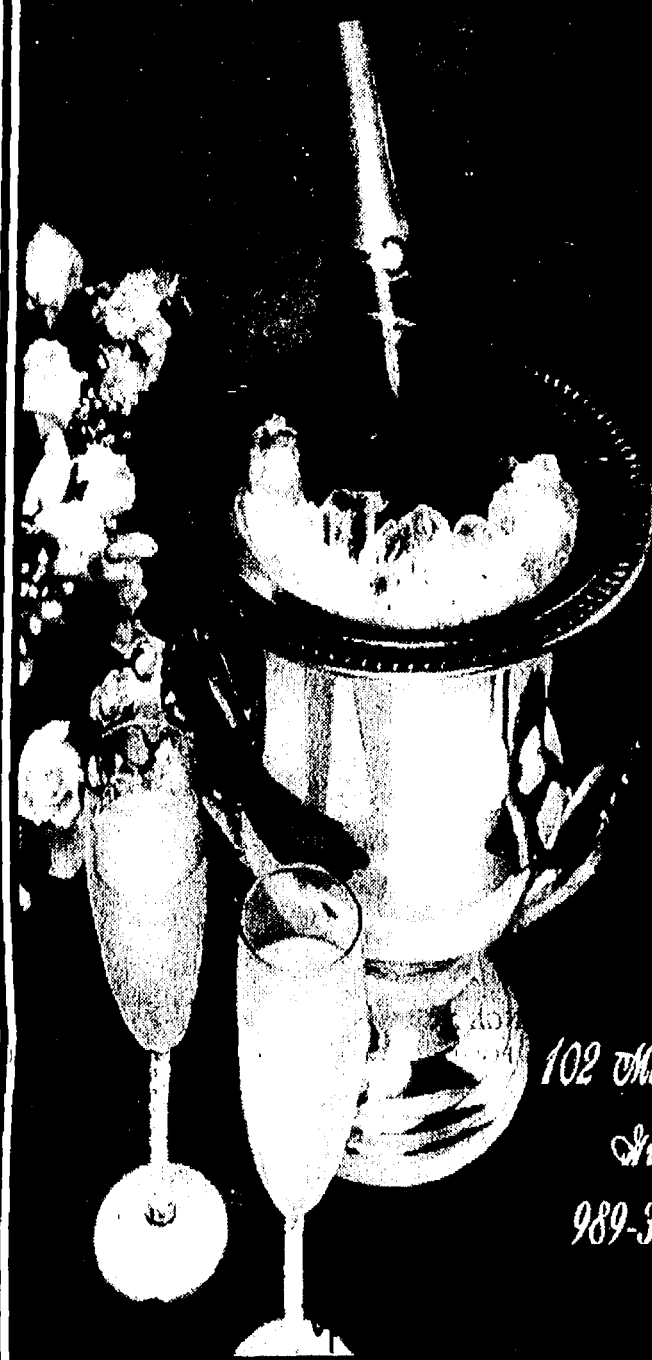
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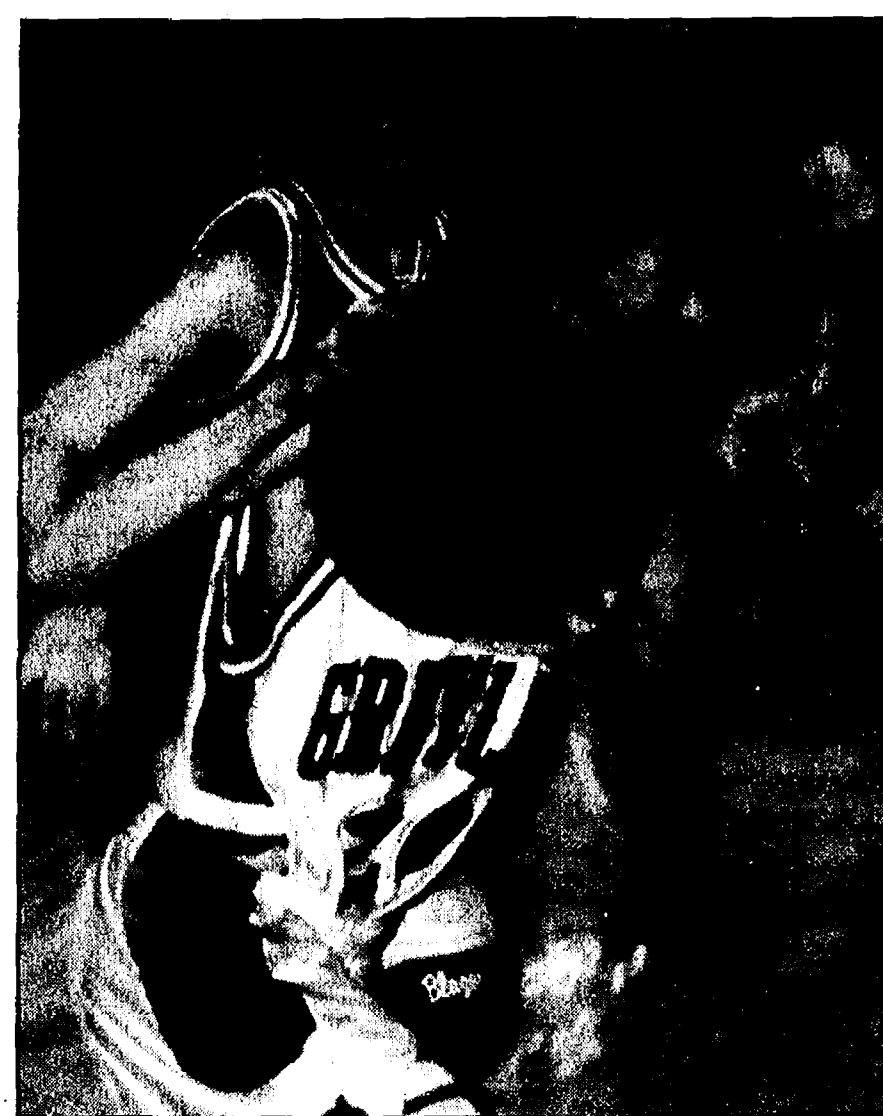
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Shivam Patel (left) and Colin Hamlin (right) handle the ball for Grayling High School's freshman team on Friday vs. Kalkaska.



Freshman basketball team defeats Kalkaska Blazers 54-50



Josh Johnson (left) controls the ball for Grayling's freshman squad against the Kalkaska Blazers. Joe Tottingham (right) shoots the ball for the Vikings on Friday. Grayling won the contest by a final score of 54-50.



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IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward A. Malinowski Jr., a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2005, and recorded on November 1, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 215, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Three And 76/100 Dollars (\$54,943.76), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #128391F01

-15-22-1-8

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2007 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 12, 2007 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 15, 2007 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd. Grayling.

Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 12, 2007, at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 15, 2007, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearing.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2007.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2007 areas follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agriculture	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk/ Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor
5245 M-18
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-8232.

Notice to Grayling Township residents

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH GRAYLING CHARTER TOWNSHIP AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP

January 10, 2007

WHEREAS, the Township of Grayling having a population of 2000 or more according to the most recent United States census, and having been notified by the Michigan Secretary of State of eligibility to become a charter township under the provisions of the Charter Township Act of 1947 (PA 359, as amended; MCL 42.1 (et seq)), and

WHEREAS, the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees have been provided information which enabled them to fully understand the responsibilities, advantages and disadvantages of becoming a charter township, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township of Grayling to develop and implement a short and long-term plan to provide a variety of municipal services to areas of the township, as needed, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Grayling Township have been notified of this intent, and have been given ample opportunity to question, discuss and provide their input into this decision, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Grayling Township have not come forth with a legal, citizen petition of disagreement during the 60-day period of opportunity for such petition, and

WHEREAS, after much discussion, thought, and consideration, the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees voted in public session of Wednesday, January 10th, 2007, to approve the incorporation of Grayling Township as a charter township,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees of the intent to incorporate under the regulations of the Michigan Charter Township Act through registration with the Michigan Department of State, and to abide by and operate under those regulations as "The Charter Township of Grayling."

Motion to adopt this resolution as presently by ___ Kraycs ___
Motion seconded by ___ Long ___

Roll call vote:

Long ___ "Aye" ___ Kraycs ___ "Aye" ___ Wright ___ "Aye" ___

Ashton ___ Absent ___ O'Mara ___ "Aye"

The chair recognizes ___ 4 ___ "ayes," ___ 0 ___ "nays" and ___ 1 ___ absent. The motion passes and the resolution is hereby adopted.

Monica Ashton, Clerk
Terry R. Wright, Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE Frederic Township Property Owners

Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organization meeting at 4:30pm on March 6, 2007. The Board of Review will then meet to hear individual tax assessment appeals as per the following schedule.

March 13, 2007 2pm-5pm and 6pm-9pm
March 17, 2007 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

Each of these meetings will take place in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

Weight Restriction

As of Monday, March 1, 2007 at 8:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission has established seasonal weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standards, which includes load restriction of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27: County line to County Line
County Road 612: Old 27 (Frederic) East to I-75
Sherman Road: North County Line to Landfill
North Down River Rd: Business Loop East to I-75 Ramps

**FROST LAWS RESTRICTED ROADS ARE SIGNED AND
FROST LAWS ARE BEING ENFORCED.**

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (989) 348-2281 ext. 25 with any questions regarding restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald A Babcock, Managing Director
For: Kenneth Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
James Burch, Commissioner

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 6, 2007 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on;
Mon., March 12, 2007 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm
Thurs., March 15, 2007 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE-OWNED OIL AND GAS MINERALS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE AUCTION

Lands under consideration for oil and gas leasing include acreage in the following counties:

ALCONA, ANTRIM, ARENAC, BAY, CALHOUN, CHARLEVOIX, CHEBOYGAN, CLARE, CRAWFORD, GLADWIN, GRAND TRAVERSE, HILLSDALE, JACKSON, KALKASKA, LAKE, MIDLAND, MISSAUKEE, MONTMORENCY, NEWAYGO, OSCEOLA, OSCODA, OTSEGO, and ROSCOMMON.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will offer at an oral-bid public auction, oil and gas lease rights of approximately 21,000 acres of State-owned minerals in those Michigan counties indicated herein.

Registration of bidders will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the Michigan Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Offering of lease rights will begin at 9:00 a.m. at a minimum bid of \$13.00 per acre, and will continue until all descriptions have been offered. Additionally, at the auction's end and at the option of the DNR, parcels not bid in at \$13.00 per acre, may be re-offered at a minimum bid of \$5.00 per acre.

Bids may be submitted by individuals of legal age, a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity qualified to do business in Michigan. Prospective bidders should be prepared to submit such proof at the time of registration.

The total bonus bid must be paid on the same day the lease rights are bid in. Prospective bidders who do not have an established credit rating with the DNR through prior leasing of State-owned minerals, must pay at least one-half of the TOTAL bonus bid by cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order. A credit rating may be established by filing with DNR/Forest, Mineral and Fire Management (FMFM)/Mineral and Land Management Section (MLMS), three letters of reference, one of which must be from a bank. In no instance will the DNR accept "site drafts" even if noted as a "zero day site draft."

An auction catalog showing the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered and parcel classifications, will be available after April 13, 2007, on the web at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>; or by contacting DNR/FMFM/MLMS, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952, telephone 517-373-7663.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description, must be received by FMFM at the address specified above NO LATER THAN April 3, 2007. Any request for change in classification will be considered by DNR prior to offering the lease rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the DNR.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Donald R. Burton, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated July 13, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 1, 2000, in Liber 513, Page(s) 394, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$36,060.48, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Donald R. Burton, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 11.00 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on March 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 24'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, 330.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43'00" WEST, 584.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 25'00" WEST, 311.97 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35'30" WEST, 584.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 26'00" EAST 310.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43'00" EAST, 584.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST SUBJECT TO A 15.0 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT OVER THE EAST SIDE THEREOF. SAID EASEMENT TO BE USED FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 33.0 FEET WIDE LYING

16.5 FEET EACH SIDE OF AND ADJACENT TO A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 24'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, 956.50 FEET TO THE 1/8 LINE FOR THE PLACE OF ENDING. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A 66.00 FEET WIDE EASEMENT LYING 33.0 FEET EACH SIDE OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 24'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, 643.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35'30" WEST, 634.15 FEET TO THE PLACE OF ENDING. A 60.0 FOOT RADIUS CIRCLE ALL OF WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THIS EASEMENT HAS AS ITS CENTER THE ABOVE NAMED POINT OF ENDING.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.)

By: DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: February 1, 2007

-8-15-22-1-8

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

File No. 07-7243-NC

In the matter of Jonathan Douglas Anderson-Stocker

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: Hearing on Petition to Change Name - May 9, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

Keith William Stocker
10373 Nearville Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-275-6259

-1-8-15

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6th, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, 989-348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 a.m. Monday, March 12th, 2007, until 12 noon and then 1 pm until 4 pm. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 15th from 6 pm-8 pm., and also Saturday, March 17th, from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738) or fax to 989-348-6713.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agriculture	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk
MBOR/pak

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW/BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 12, 2007 from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 and on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. Any correspondence can be sent to 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 or call (989) 348-9215.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agriculture	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

The budget hearing for the General, Landfill and Liquor Fund Budgets for the fiscal year 2007-2008 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 13th at 9:30 a.m.

Fred Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting February 12, 2007

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Riley, Summers, Balmes, Little and Hartman. There were 8 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by Treasurer, Supervisor, and Fire Chief.

There were 5 pieces of correspondence.

New Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Summers to appoint John Welt to the Board of Review as an alternate. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. There will be a Crawford County MTA Chapter meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 8:30 AM at Grayling Township. We will discuss at that time the request from the County and Grayling Township to help fund the recycling program.

3. Discussion regarding property owners in township that have fines pending for various violations and if they should be able to rent our community center/pavilion without penalty.

4. Discussion regarding request from the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership for funding commitment. We will discuss when preparing the budget for the next fiscal year.

5. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve the Resolution of Intent to create the Higgins Lake Utility Authority as presented. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Discussion regarding the closing of our present transfer site with the options of building a new transfer site or door to door pickup. We are waiting for an estimate of costs and we will proceed with proposals.

2. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Summers to pay the AP bills.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chadwick J. Ellis, a Single Man aka Chad Ellis, original mortgagor(s), to CMS Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2005, and recorded on August 2, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 464, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to

Chase Home Finance, LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven And 93/100 Dollars (\$84,697.93), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County Building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 20, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2007

For more information, please call:

FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #128722F01

-15-22-1-8

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Stacey L. Hoover and Kimberly A. Hoover, husband and wife, mortgagors, to First National Bank of Gaylord, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated March 4, 2002, and was recorded on March 7, 2002, in Liber 0572 on page 406 through 414 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$66,523.63, including interest at 7.25% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, and is described as:

Part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, T26N, R3W, Grayling Twp., Crawford County, Michigan.

Commencing at the SE corner of said

Section 3, thence N 1° 25' E (along the East section line), 662.07 ft to the Point of Beginning; thence S 89° 25' 40" W (recorded as N 89° 25' 40" W), 329.52 ft, thence N 1° 24' 05" E, 330.93 ft, thence N 89° 20' 40" E, 329.63 ft to the E section line, thence S 1° 25' W, 331.04 ft to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO and use of a 33 ft road and utility easement lying 33 ft North and adjacent to a line described as commencing at the SE corner of Section 3, T26N, R3W, thence N 1° 25' E (along the East section line), 662.07 ft to the Point of Beginning; thence S 89° 25' 40" W 988.57 ft to the Point of Ending.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a (c) expires, whichever is later.

Dated: February 6, 2007

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank,
f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord,
Mortgagee

900 Washington Ave.,
P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

-15-22-1-8-15

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO. 06-7020 CH

KELLY FOY and MICHAEL FOY

Plaintiffs

VS

JAY RICHARD HAWKINS and
MICHELLE DANA HAWKINS

Defendant

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5232

NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT
FORECLOSURE BY SALE

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 7th day of December, 2006, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County, Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 16th day of March, 2007 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property, located in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit: 116 Evergreen Drive, Grayling, Michigan

49738. Property tax number 040-45-780-00-076-00 and otherwise known as Lots 76, 77, 78 Riverside and consists of a residential lot with residential dwelling, including an attached garage.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)

-1-8-15-22-1-8

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Todd H Nye and Kathleen J Nye, husband and wife, as joint tenants with the rights of survivorship

to Option One Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee, dated October 7, 2005 and recorded October 25, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 63 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT2, by assignment dated October 27, 2006 and recorded November 13, 2006 in Liber 684, Page 119, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$77,601.93) including interest 11.6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A-1: A parcel of land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, State of Michigan, being part of Parcel A as shown on the Certificate of Survey recorded in Liber 136, Page 88 in the South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 6, Town 25 North, Range 3 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 6; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, along the West line of said section 919.83 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, along said section line, 196.62 feet; thence North 89 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 660.00; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West 196.59 feet; thence South 89 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds West 660.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way of Oak Road over the Westerly 33 feet thereof

Commonly known as 6793 S Oak Rd, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 25, 2007 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT2,

Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 07-63414
-1-8-15-22-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Craig A. Emery and Deborah L. Emery, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 4, 2002, and recorded on October 11, 2002 in Liber 600 on Page 3, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Nine And 00/100 Dollars (\$82,609.00), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 34, Shangri-La

Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2007

For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #128816F01

-15-22-1-8

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

CASE NO. 06-4039GC
200 W. Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738

989/348-2841

Our File No. E-11447

Plaintiff

Atlantic Credit & Finance Inc.

Assignee from Household Bank

Plaintiff's attorney

Timothy E. Baxter P28045

TIMOTHY E. BAXTER &

ASSOCIATES

P.O. Box 2669

Farmington Hills, MI 48333

248/553-1155

Defendant

Foster J. Clark

146 S. Wakeley Bridge Rd.

Grayling, MI 49738

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant Foster J. Clark, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):

First class mail to 146 S. Wakeley Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738. Publication pursuant to court rule.

3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

Date: 2-2-07

Honorable Monte J. Burmeister
P48732

-15-22-1-8

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward Nickel, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 14, 2006 and recorded September 22, 2006 in Liber 683, Page 329, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Aurora Loan Services, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Five and 79/100 Dollars (\$106,795.79) including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 28, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel K: A part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 9, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Commencing at the Southwest corner of said tract and running thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes East on the East and West one-quarter line 1640.25 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 1 degrees 23 minutes 08 seconds East, 1328 feet, thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes East 328.3 feet, thence South 1 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds West 1328 feet, thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes West 328.05 feet to the Point of Beginning. Excepting the following description known as Parcel 1-K: Being a part of the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 9, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Commencing at the East one-quarter corner of Section 9, thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes West along the East and West one-quarter line, 656.1 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 38 minutes West 328.05 feet, thence North 01 degrees 23 minutes 08 seconds East, 346.53 feet, thence South 86 degrees 50 minutes 33 seconds East, 328.29 feet, thence South 01 degree 23 minutes 45 seconds West, 330.48 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your

damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: February 22, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 191.1236
-22-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda Peters, a single woman, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 2, 2005 and recorded June 17, 2005 in Liber 675, Page 935, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-4 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-4 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Two and 09/100 Dollars (\$99,982.09) including interest at 8.2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 28, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

That part of the East one-half of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West lying North of the East Branch of the Ausable River. Subject to an easement for road purposes 20 feet wide granted across the North end of said premises and all that part of the East one-half of the East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, lying North of the middle line of the East Branch of the Ausable River, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: February 22, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 221.5189
-22-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Dankert and Julie E. Dankert, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 18, 2005, and recorded on March 4, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 37, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five And 52/100 Dollars (\$100,865.52), including interest at 5.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 28, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 186, Indian Glens of the Ausable, Unit 2, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 12, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 22, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
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-22-1-8-15

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE!

Eligible low-income residential customers of Upper Peninsula Telephone Company are encouraged to take advantage of available discounts on their telephone bills. The **LIFELINE** program provides people on limited incomes with an \$11.25 discount (up to \$12.35 for customers age 65 or older) on their monthly telephone charges. Additionally, under the **LINK-UP** program, qualified households may receive a 50 percent reduction (up to \$30.00) on the line connection charges (if approved within 60 days of initial installation). Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70.00 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60.00 and \$130.00.

To qualify for the **LIFELINE** program, 2007 annual household income must be at or below 150% of the federal poverty levels shown below.

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income Less Than	Gross Annual Income Less Than*
1	\$1,276	\$15,315
2	1,711	20,535
3	2,146	25,755
4	2,581	30,975
5	3,016	36,195
6	3,451	41,415
7	3,886	46,635
8	4,321	51,855

*Subject to change. Add \$5,220 for each additional household member.

Or, the person must participate in one of the following federal assistance programs: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), National School Lunch Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Toll Blocking Service (TBS) support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking at no cost.

A resident of tribal lands qualifies for **LIFELINE** and **LINK-UP** if he or she meets the above criteria, or by participating in one of the following programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance Program, Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start (income-qualified customer only) or National School Lunch Program (free lunch program).

For further information on **LIFELINE** and **LINK-UP**, visit

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
March 1, 1984

Tim Jones was named All-American, Saturday after finishing second in the nation at 167 pounds in the NCAA Division II wrestling championships held in Maryland.

A 1983 general fund report says Crawford County finished the year with a deficit of about \$78,000. County commissioners received the report at their Feb. 23 regular meeting and said the growing caseloads in the courts accounted for much of the over-spending.

The Grayling Knights of Columbus are working on an April 1 opening date for their new hall located in the former Milltown Party Store. The Knights are remodeling the building and the finished hall will be able to hold 340 persons. The hall will be available for wedding receptions, parties and other events.

Congressman Don Albosta, speaking at a gathering at Chief Shoppenagons Hotel, said he plans for a full-time Camp Grayling are in the works and he is working to obtain appropriations to expand and improve the camp's facilities.

Cub Scout Pack 3993 held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. The Webelos,

under the leadership of Tom Trowbridge received the greatest number of awards. Among those receiving awards were Derrick Abeare, David Cable, Joel Mack, Jimmy Green, Steve Cowie, Sam Mack, Jason Medler, Wade Trowbridge, Paul Kamph, Jr., Nathan Ginther, James Mattson, Paul Kamph, Marie Kamph, Mark Horst, Larry Abeare, cubmaster Louise Mattson and Tom Trowbridge.

Ron Wyman, Tim Moore, Tom Sorenson, and Barsie Cross wrestled their way into the state finals at Middleville. Grayling finished seventh among over 20 teams at the regional.

Karyn Reynolds was crowned state giant slalom champion and Kris Laudenslager helped lead Grayling ski team to a fifth place finish at the state meet at Nubs Nob.

46 Years Ago
March 2, 1961

Miss Ethel Pilkington has taken over the restaurant on US-27 and M-76, formerly Howe's Restaurant. The new name is "Aunt Ethel's Restaurant" and will be open 24 hours a day. The grand opening of Aunt Ethel's Restaurant is March 3, 4, and 5. The special for the grand opening is barbecued spare ribs and chicken in a basket.

At the Feb. 9 ski meet against Harbor Springs and Traverse City

St. Francis, Grayling's Mike Lovely took first in the downhill and thirteenth in the slalom for eleventh place in the entire meet.

The A&P is advertising an 8 lb. bag of Ruby Red grapefruit for 59¢, polish sausage 49¢ per pound, Angel Food cake for 35¢, and two heads of lettuce for 29¢.

Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., parking will be limited to one hour in the three blocks on Michigan Avenue between Norway and Spruce Streets. This parking limitation will take effect immediately.

First in the singles event at the City Bowling Tournament was Louise Hatfield, 610; second, Carrie Tower, 576; third, Efan Warner, 572; Ann Bonar and Madonna LaMotte tied with 564; Ruth Gorman, 556; Eileen Hatfield and Betty Leslie tied with 541; Vi Burns, 540; Gloria Nielson, 538; Lillian Ryan and Jerine Hoffman, tied with 532; and Onalee Smith had 530.

The Underground Forest All-Stars basketball team had their winning streak broken Saturday evening at the Frederic High School gym by the McBain Tigers, who won by 75-72. Phil Smith was high point man for the All-Stars with 26, Ron Larson added 16, Welch had 10, Worden 4, Springs 8, and Winston and Lott had 2 points each.

69 Years Ago
March 3, 1938

Nick Schjotz is offering his entire stock of groceries at a discount of 20 percent off regular

prices as he is going out of business due to ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Trudeau left Tuesday for a few days visit in Romeo and Detroit. While they are there, they will attend professional demonstrations in photography at the Hotel Statler.

Thomas Zohott has disposed of his interest in the firm known as Grayling Auto Parts, selling out to his partner Charles Meisel. This firm began business in Grayling last August, but Mr. Zohott recently secured a position in Detroit so he has returned there.

Grayling Post 106 American Legion have made an application for a boy to attend Wolverine Boy's State, that is sponsored by the American Legion Department of Michigan, and will be held in June, on the campus of Michigan State College in Lansing. The selection for the lucky boy will be made in April.

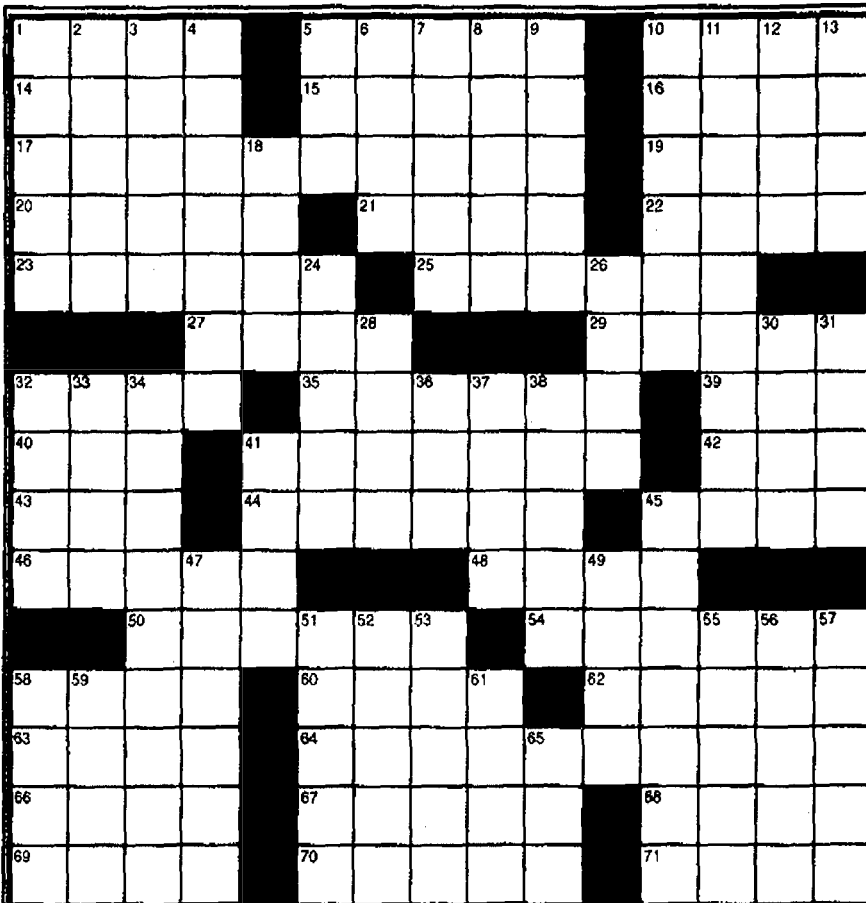
92 Years Ago
March 4, 1915

Miss Francelia Failing entertained her teachers, Miss Reagan and Miss Hale and a few little friends at her home Monday in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Tony Nelson returned Monday from Lansing where he had been pursuing a course in livestock and dairy at the Agricultural College.

Wilhelm Rae, James Overton, and George Collen were initiated into the 3rd rank of the K. of P. Lodge last night.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Priest's linen vestments.
5. "... by Now," Emmylou Harris tune.
10. Fairuz, Nancy in The Craft.
14. Slightly cooked.
15. Stringed musical instrument of India.
16. ... Thicke, Growing Pains dad.
17. Eddie Albert and Eve Gabor show.
19. Pinocchio's grew with each lie.
20. Frothy espresso coffee.
21. Cruise, Hanks and Selleck.
22. Once more.
23. LaWanda Page Sanford and Son role.
25. Proverb or apothegm.
27. Periods of time.
29. Band fronted by Liam Gallagher.
32. ... and Ginger.
35. ... Sam, cereal icon.
39. "... Got You Under My Skin," 4 Seasons tune.
40. Needed by Tin Man to move.
41. Hymn with strong harmonization.
42. Roseanne Conner's husband.
43. Metal container with handles.
44. Of an atom other than carbon.
45. Judy ... Girlfriends writer.
46. Sharon ... Basic Instinct femme fatale.
48. Bestow great love on.
50. ... Lear, Maude creator.
54. Matted together.
58. Stephen King bestseller.
60. Plural of "ileum."
62. John ... Jazz composer and pianist.
63. Dukes of Hazzard spinoff.
64. Fred and Wilma ...
66. Old form of "ache."
67. Bob ... Cabaret director.
68. ... After, Drew Barrymore flick.
69. My Three ...
70. John ... Earth: Final Conflict director.
71. Variant of "cess."

Down
1. ...bargle, verbal dispute.
2. Miss Flynn Boyle's.
3. ... Butler, Grace Under Fire star.
4. Soaked or steeped.
5. ... Gardner, The Killers femme fatale.
6. Group united by religious beliefs.
7. Sub sandwiches.
8. Injection of fluid into rectum.
9. Old teen magazine.
10. Chiquita ...
11. By the side of.
12. Emit coherent light.
13. The Man Who ... Too Much, Hitchcock film.
18. Poetic form of "never."
24. Growing; blooming.
26. ... Skye, Diane in Say Anything.
28. Fine black chimney particles.
30. ... Tors, Sea Hunt creator.
31. "Heaven Must Have ... You," Bonnie Pointer tune.
32. Excessively vain men.
33. 1969 Gene Hackman film.
34. "Rocket Man" singer.
36. Midge ... former Ultravox frontman.
37. ... Sharks, old game show.
38. Reserved or reticent.
41. "Believe" singer.
45. Erases; removes.
47. Snarles.
49. Della Reese Touched by an Angel role.
51. Petty quarrels.
52. Parcel out.
53. George ... Dr. Nat in Wichita Town.
55. Collection of objects.
56. Sea eagles.
57. ... greenweed, woadwaxen.
58. Plural of the third alphabet letter.
59. Unusual; strange.
61. Looped vase handle.
65. ... Lange, Isaac in The Love Boat.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Lamb Leg with Roasted Potatoes

7-8	pounds bone-in lamb leg, trimmed	1	tablespoon kosher salt
	of visible fat	1/2	cup orange marmalade
	Salt and pepper to taste	1	tablespoon yellow mustard seeds
12	medium red potatoes	2	teaspoons dried thyme, crushed
2	tablespoons olive oil		

Coat potatoes with oil and place around edge of roasting pan. Sprinkle potatoes with salt. Place rack in pan and arrange lamb roast on rack. Season lamb with salt and pepper to taste. Roast at 325°. Combine marmalade, mustard seeds and thyme. Halfway through roasting, baste lamb with 1/3 of the marmalade mixture. Baste again 30 minutes later with another 1/3 of the marmalade mixture. Roast to desired degree of doneness. An internal temperature of 145° will produce a medium-rare roast or approximately 15 to 20 minutes per pound. When lamb is done, baste a final time with remaining marmalade mixture and cover. Allow to stand for 15 minutes before slicing. Slice, serve with roasted potatoes.

Yields 12 servings

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET

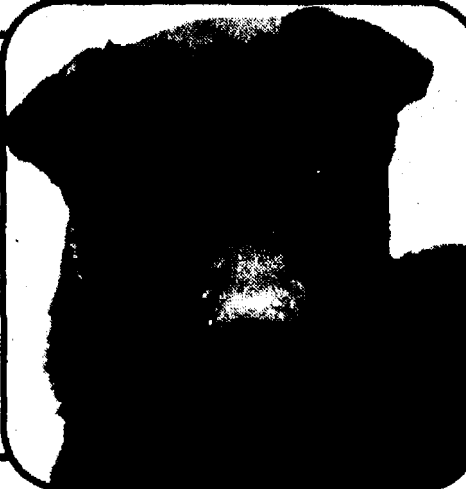


Simon

is a sweet 9 month old kitten. He is playful, handsome and very affectionate. He has been neutered, vaccinated and Feline Leukemia tested negative. This is a great cat.

Abby

is a 1 year old Black Lab/Shar Pei mix. This is a happy, active and friendly dog. She does very well with other dogs and seems intelligent. She will require some training but would be worth the effort.



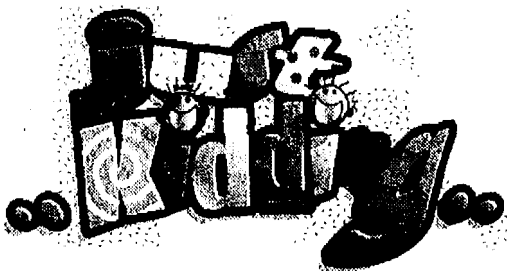
The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

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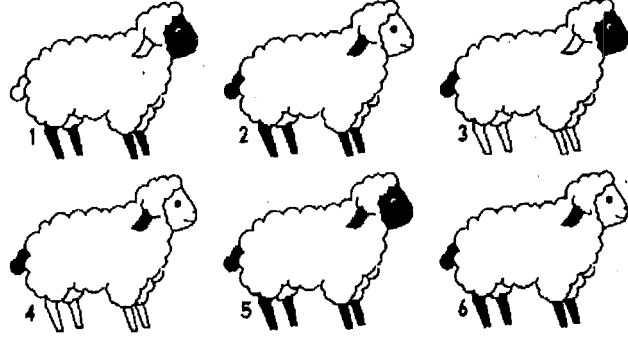
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2/21	37	10	0						
2/22	44	8	0.06	High 36	High 33	High 29	High 26	High 24	High 31
2/23	34	0	0.08	Low 26	Low 20	Low 17	Low 17	Low 14	Low 19
2/24	23	-3	0						
2/25	29	5	0						
2/26	29	5	0.38						
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FIND THE TWINS

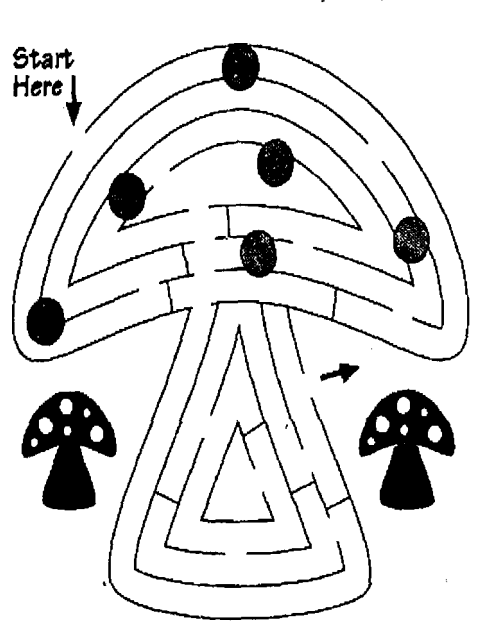
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

On average, dogs have better eyesight than humans, although not as colorful

MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the week of March 1, 2007



December 22-January 19

Hang in there, Capricorn. Life is going to get tough these next few days. You'll manage somehow and the weekend will bring some much-needed relief.



March 21-April 19

Think you were right, Aries? Guess again. Anyway you slice it, you messed up. Make amends now or be the object of distrust for a long time to come.



June 22-July 22

Objectivity casts a shadow on a small get-together. This is no time to be impartial. Go ahead and gab. You're in trusted company.



September 23-October 22

A remarkable opportunity pops up. Grab it and hold on tight. It could lead to bigger and better things. Travel plans move forward.



January 20-February 18

Free time is usually at a premium, but this week you've got some on your hands. Use it wisely. A message puts a new spin on things at home.



April 20-May 20

A friend tries to open a door you shut long ago. Be strong. That chapter of your life is over. You don't have to return to it unless you want to.



July 23-August 22

Be careful what you say and do at the office, Leo. Someone is watching you closely. A party promises to be the social event of the year.



October 23-November 21

A coworker reams you in front of everyone for a cheesy remark. Stewing about it will get you nowhere. Apologize and make the situation right.



February 19-March 20

Fun times lie ahead this week. Coworkers invite you to a party and friends whisk you off for a wild weekend adventure.



May 21-June 21

A television show inspires you to redo a room in your home. Plan out everything carefully or you might run into a snafu.



August 23-September 22

Feel like you're fighting an uphill battle? You are, but remember Virgo, it was the turtle that won the race. Keep plugging along and you'll come out on top.



November 22-December 21

Woes you, Sagittarius. Your finances are in a poor state. Cheer up—help is on the way. A friend makes a surprise announcement.

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Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or

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www.avalanche.townnews.com

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06tf/1)

14 X 70 MOBILE HOME 8 miles west of Grayling on I plus acres. Call for more information. 348-2358. (LR3/29/07/1)

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

BY OWNER: 205 State Street, Grayling. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, newly remodeled, \$89,000. 231-263-0231. Cell, 989-619-5561. (2/08/07tf/1)

1. Real Estate

REDUCED COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL M-72 West close to town, 2 lots, 103 feet, 2 bedroom mobile, new 4 inch well, footings and crawl space insulation, new paint and carpet and storage building. \$52,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (12/7/06tf/1)

THE CLASSIFIED - The perfect place to find that first house. (989) 348-6811

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

4 RENT Beautiful 5 acre river front property with secluded 2 bedroom double wide, views/deck. \$600 a month. Pets possible. 989-348-2621. (-22-1/2)

NICE, CLEAN 2 bedroom home, gas heat, carpet throughout, minutes from town. \$475, plus deposit. Call 989-348-5428. (11/30/06tf/2)

2. For Rent

FULLY FURNISHED, SPOTLESS 800 sq. ft. house near Lake Margrethe. \$650, plus utilities. Non-smoking only, references. 989-348-8627. (1/04/06tf/2)

LOVELY COUNTRY SETTING 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, full basement, garage, wood heat available. Short term lease available. \$600 per month, plus utilities. Call 348-2473. (1/25/07tf/2)

FOR RENT Efficiency apartment on river, completely furnished, all utilities paid. Call 348-8350. (2/08/07tf/2)

2. For Rent

FURNISHED 2 BEDROOM 1 bath cottage with garage, in country setting 12 minutes south of Grayling. \$500 a month, first and last months rent. Credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-22-1/2)

WEEKLY SPECIAL Fully furnished, \$119.99/week single, including HBO, telephone and free local calls. Grayling Inn, 989-344-9000. (LR3/15/07/2)

TWO BEDROOM two bath home on AuSable Trail, fully furnished, inside remodeled, garage. \$625, plus utilities. 370-0968. (-1/2)

1. Real Estate

up to \$1,000.00 Cash Back to Real Estate Buyers!

6688 M-72 West Grayling MI 49738 (989) 348-5474

Buyer Cash Back Award To

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Agent Signature

CASH BACK AGREEMENT

Client Signature

Contact your Century 21 River Country Real Estate representative today, at 989-348-5474, for Cash Back details and terms.

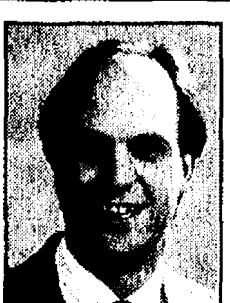


CHARLENE SCHEER
Broker/Owner
Limited Real Estate Appraiser
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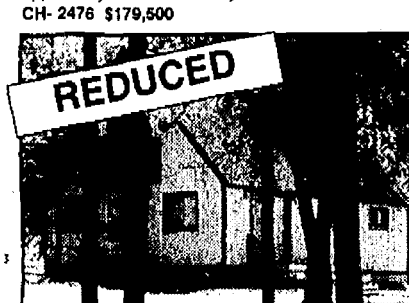
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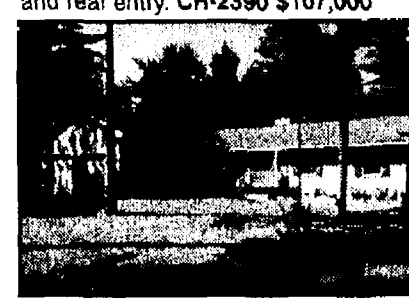
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11. Automotive

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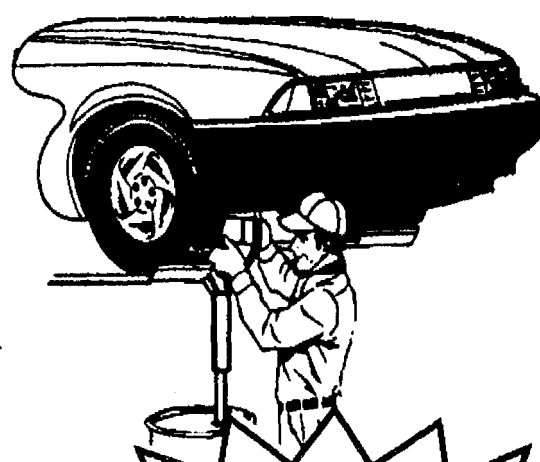
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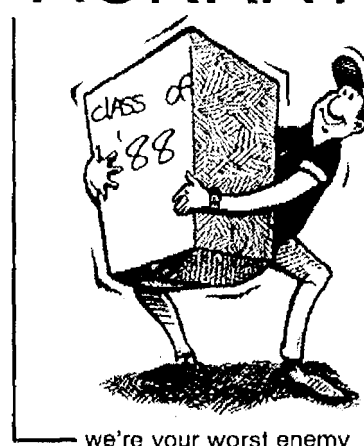
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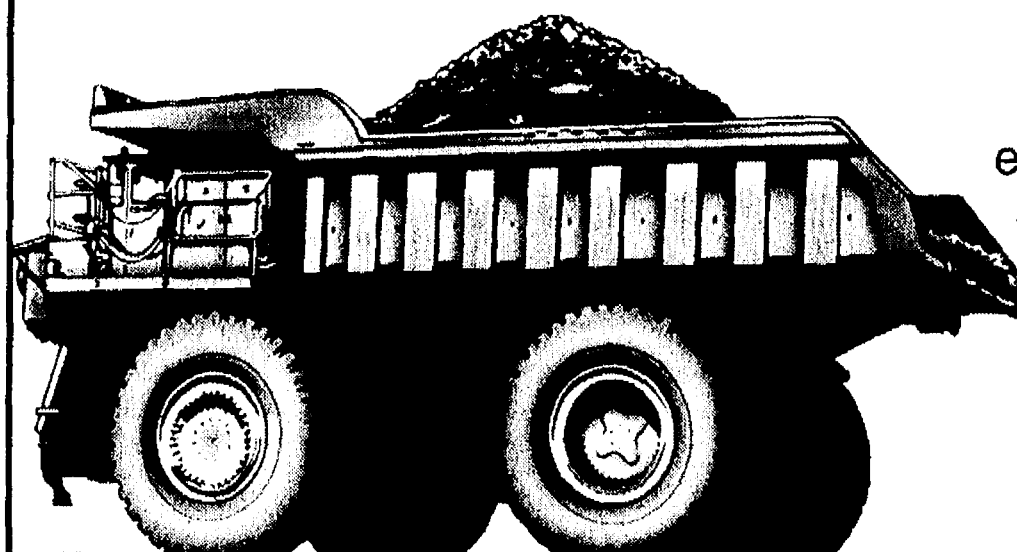
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